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Angry, Clinton Denies New Scandal Charge Sexual Affair and Perjury Reported

By Brian Knowllon

WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton adamantly denied explosive new accusations on Wednesday that he had had a sexual relationship with a young White House aide and then asked her to lie about it under oath.

That is not true," Mr. Clinton said in a PBS television interview. "That is not true, I did not ask anyone to tell anything other than the truth. There is no improper relacionship."

His comments came after reports that Kenneth Starr, the independent counsel examining the Whitewater affair, was now investigating whether the president and a close friend, the lobbyist Vernon Jordan Jr., had encouraged the former intern to lie to lawyers for Panla Jones, who is sning Mr. Clinton on sexual harassment charges.

Although important details remained unclear and no allegations have been proved, the case appeared to have even greater potencial than the Jones suit to seriously distract the administration, plunging the presidency into murky legal troubles with heavy poliocal costs.

Representative Henry Hyde, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, said that if charges of perjury or subornation of witnesses were proved, an impeachment investigation would be "an opcion."

Reports said that the former aide, identified as Monica Lewinsky, 24, had herself denied any relationship with the president in an affidavit made to Paula Jones's lawyers.

But according to several sources, another former White House aide, Linda Tripp, surreptioously made up to 17 tape recordings in which Ms. Lewinsky purportedly described in de-tail an 18-month affair with the president. According to CNN, Ms. Tripo carried a hidden microphone, at Mr. Starr's behest, to make at least one of

"I smell a rat in all this, and we'll dig it out," Robert Bennett, Mr. Clinton's private attorney, said Wednes-day on his way into the White House. Of the allegations, he said, "The president adamantly denies it, and she under oath denies it."

With reporters clamoring for com-ment, the White House spokesman, Michael McCurry read this statement "The president is outraged by these allegations. He has never had an improper relationship with this woman."

Asked later by reporters what an "improper relacionship" was, or what relacionship Mr. Clinton and the aide might have had, Mr. McCurry said repeatedly that the statement "speaks

He said the statement had been draf-

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Kenneth Starr has extended his investigation into President Clinton's alleged relationship with a former intern, Monica Lewinsky.

Chief Inspector Rejects Call By Iraq to Halt UN Mission

U.S. Repeats Threat of Force

By Barbara Crossette New York Times Service

BAGHDAD - President Saddam Hussein has raised his defiance of the United Nations and the Clinton administration to a new level by calling for a freeze on all inspections and even dis-cussion of "sensitive" sites, Iraqi and UN officials said Wednesday.

The reaction from the chief UN arms inspector, Richard Butler, was swift and sharp. "I cannot and will not agree to that," he said at a news conference

before leaving Iraq.

Apparently emboldened by an agreement Tuesday to review files on key weapons programs to determine if they can be closed, Iraq told Mr. Butler on Tuesday night that there should be no more talks until April about suspect sites that Iraq has put off limits, which include presidencial palaces. By then, Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz said Wednesday, Iraq should be close to having sanctions lifted, and the issne would be all but mont.

In other words, Iraq has now made its most unambiguous bid to go directly to the endgame, pushing aside concerns that installations belonging to Mr. Hussein and his security forces may harbor biological or other weapons.

The United States said Wednesday that the proposal by Iraq for a freeze on inspections was unacceptable, Reuters reponted from Washington. It appears Iraq has ignored the message of the Security Council and instead tried to impose new and unacceptable conditions on the UN operations," said James Ru-

bin, the State Department spokesman. [Mr. Rubin reiterated U.S. preparedness to use military means if necessary to force Iraq to comply with the inspections, but said diplomatic channels were still being pursued. "Amhassador Butler plans to brief the Security Council on Friday," he said. "It's premature to speculate on what actions might be taken until after he has had a chance to report fully on his visit. But again, we are not ruling out any options."]

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Richard Butler, the arms inspector, at a briefing Wednesday in Baghdad.

Rich Taiwan Sees Bargains All Around

By Keith Richburg Vashington Post Service

TAIPEI -- Southeast Asia's currencies have collapsed and stock prices have plummeted. Businesses are filing for bankruptcy, banks are going bellyn. And in the midst of the regionwide urmoil. Taiwan is going shopping.

in a major policy move with longbusinesses are fanning out through the hardest-hit countries of Asia, hoping to take advantage of the current crisis by ury hotels and cash-strapped finance opment Corp., the business arm of the

companies are among the most tempting targets, with one deal reported to involve a bid for Bangkok Bank PCL and another said to involve two five-star hotels in Thailand and South Korea.

The motivation is not entirely economic. In its ongoing battle with Beijing for influence and poliocal leverage, Taiwan is hoping to break out of its international isolation by greatly expanding its commercial ties in Southeast Asia, an investment strategy known here as the "Go South" policy.

One of the leaders of the "Go South" bnying up assets at fire-sale prices. Lux- strategy is Taipei-based China Devel-

governing party, the Kuomintang-Taiwan's president and the Kuomintang leader, Lee Teng-bin, has pushed for Taiwanese businesses to look to Southeast Asia for new commercial opportunities, partly as a way to lessen the island's economic dependence on mainland China. China Development, as the largest investment group on Taiwan, is at the forefront of the strategy.

The corporation said Wednesday that it was considering buying parts of Samsung Group of South Korea, Bloomberg News reported from Taipei. So far, however, the corporation is only looking, executives said.

["We are interested in some Korean companies that have good growth prospects," said Grace Fang, a vice president at the corporation. It plans to invest about 5 billion Taiwan dollars, or \$149 million, in Asia's battered companies, she said.

[This week, Chen Yu-how, chairman of the textile manufacturer Tuntex Group, said Taiwan businesses planned to spend as much as \$2 billion to form a holding company to invest in Southeast

Asian companies, buying as much as 5 percent of selected companies.]

The "Go South" strategy formally began in 1994, after Mr. Lee made a series of private "golfing trips" through the region in what was then called "golf diplomacy." But China Development Corp. until this year kept the hulk of its

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investments on Taiwan. "This is the worst financial crisis ever in Asia, and it is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, Benny Hu, president of the corporation.

told a Taipei daily, China News. "If I don't take advantage of it now." he was quoted as saying, "people might ask later 'why did you let this chance

Mr. Hu, in telefaxed answers to questions about the corporation's investment policy, elaborated on the strategy. saying, "Since Taiwanese husinesses have expanded quite successfully in the regioo, we at CDC always believe it to be a good strategy to invest along with our industrial companies.

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Clinton Presses Netanyahu To Accept Phased Pullout

Israeli Insists on Pledge to Speed Final Talks

By Steven Erlanger

WASHINGTON - The United States is proposing a phased Israeli withdrawal from West Bank land in return for specific Palesonian actions over several months that would culminate in accelerated talks on a final settlement between the Israelis and Palesonians, Israeli and American officials said Wednesday.

After hours of detailed talks over the last two days between President Clinton and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, the Americans and Israelis do not yet agree on the overall size of the Israeli withdrawal or the number of phases it

would require, the officials said, Mr. Netanyahu is insisting that Israel have the right to determine the size of any withdrawal, and he is reluctant to give up ton much land before entering final set-tlement talks that will define the boundaries of Israel and the Palestinian Authority, the officials say. He is insisting that an agreement on this interim withdrawal include a firm commitment from the Palestinians to open accelerated final talks, which is also an American goal.

In return for the phased interim withdrawal, the Israelis are also insisting upon a formal rewriting of the Palestinian Covenant and passage of the new document by the Palesone National Council. They also want detailed security cooperation and unilateral Palestinian actions against specific groups and individuals, and in particular, Israeli officials said. "an end to the revolving door" of Palestinian prisons, by which, the Israelis assert, radicals are released from detention to suit the political needs of Yasser Arafat, the Palestinian leader.

The Israelis also insist on a reduction of armed Palestinian policemen to the numbers outlined in the earlier Oslo and Hebron accords. It is not, of course, a given that Mr. Arafat will agree to these demands as the price for a withdrawal Israel agreed to under the Oslo accords. But the Israelis say the size and nature of the withdrawal are up to them, and will be dependent on Palestinian reciprocity.

The officials expect a meeting between Mr. Netanyahu and Mr. Arafat — who arrived Wednesday in Washington for his own talks with Mr. Clinton mediated by Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, in the next 10 days or two weeks, probably in Europe.

In an interview Wednesday and a later press conference here. Mr. Netanyahu said: "I think we made some progress. There is more work to be done. It will probably be done in the

next two weeks." U.S. officials also said that "we have a lot of work to do still," even after intensive discussions with Mr. Netanyahu that went into the night. "The gap

that has existed for a year is not going to

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While Indonesia Regroups Jakarta and Financiers Discuss a Restructuring

JAKARTA - As the plunging currency forces more and more Indonesian companies virtually into default on their foreign debts, discussions have begun among the government, foreign banks and the Internacional Monetary Fund to see if the country's debt burden can be restructured

The talks, according to bankers and officials of the IMF and the government, are aimed at enabling Indonesia to follow South Korea in striking an agree-ment with its creditors so that the debt can be repaid over a longer-term -- and more realistic — schedule.
"We are working on it," said Widjojo

Nitisastro, special economics adviser to President Subarto. Stanley Fischer, the IMF deputy managing director, said on CNN. 'I suspect that in the next week or

so details will be coming out."

If successful, the inicaove would provide a lift to the Clinton administration's efforts to persuade Congress and the American public to support IMF-led ballouts for Indonesia and other financially strapped Asian countries. Were

By Alan Cowell

BONN - For decades, it has been the

ultimate enigma among historians of what the Nazis called the final solution:

How can it be proved empirically that

Hitler ordered the annihilation of

Europe's Jews, and when did he do so?

single document has provided evidence

that the Nazi leader gave a written order

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banks to be seen as sharing in the cost of putting troubled economies back on a sound footing, the administration would be better posicioned to fend off criticism that the rescue packages spare big international lenders from suffering the consequences of making risky loans.

But bankers warned that it would be even harder to reach an accord for Indonesia than it has been for South Korea, which is embroiled in complex negotiations with its creditors. That is because unlike Seonl, where most of the foreign debt is owed by a few dozen banks, the majority of Indonesia's \$140 billion-odd debt is owed by hundreds of corporations and their subsidiaries under a wide variety of terms.

The problem is nonetheless being ursently addressed because officials and bankers fear that unless some solution emerges, Indonesia will be unable to escape from its financial crisis and might be forced to declare a moratorium on debt repayment. That would deal a serious blow to its long-term ability to attract foreign capital and might damage investor confidence even further in Asia

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Historians Seek Key to the Holocaust

for the Holocaust. Without that crucial

piece of paper, generations of historians

have veered from the rightist revisionism of David Irving, who sought to discount Hitler's role, to a belief, em-

braced by American scholars like Richard Breitman and Daniel Goldha-

gen, that Hitler made the decision in

early 1941 - a thesis supported by the

documented, systematic killing of Jews

later that year after Germany's invasion

Against that, the German historian

Hans Mommsen has cast Hitler as a

the result of a horrendous bureaucratic

process with its own momentum. Ger-

man students have learned that the de-

tailed planning for history's biggest

genocide emerged from a conference of

senior Nazis in a villa at Wannsee, near

Now a 34-year-old German scholar,

Christian Gerlach, has set off a debate

among historians with a new and con-

tentious theory, based on a notation by

Heinrich Himmler, the SS chief, dis-

covered in previously secret Soviet

archives and on other documents. The

documents supposedly establish that

'weak dictator'' and the Holocaust as

of the Soviet Union.

Berlin, on Jan. 20, 1942.

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Hitler did, indeed, make a personal de-

cision to put to death German and all

other European Jews under Nazi oc-

cupation, and announced it to his most

senior Nazi followers on Dec. 12, 1941.

recently published article that the de-

cision was touched off in part by the U.S.

entry into the war after the Japanese

attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

derlings to define which categories of

Jews should be put to death in occupied

countries to the east, Mr. Gerlach wrote,

Hitler decided it was time to redeem a

propbecy made in early 1939 that a new

world war would mean the annihilation

Soviet Union.

of all Europe's Jews, not just those in the

The Wannsee conference — chaired

by Himmler's deputy, Reinhard Hey-

drich - was therefore called to make

clear that German Jews, many of whom

had already been deported to concen-

tration camps in Eastern Europe, were

also to be included in the "final solu-

new proof of Hitler's direct respon-

sibility for the Holocaust and, therefore,

If borne out, the theory would provide

tioo," Mr. Gerlach argued.

Besieged by requests from his na-

In addition, Mr. Gerlach argued in a

IRA Rejects Plan For Peace Talks

BELFAST (Reuters) - The Irish Republican Army on Wednesday rejected an official Anglo-Irish blueprint for allparty peace talks in Northern Ireland, saying the process was "in crisis."
An IRA statement faxed to the BBC in Belfast said, "Responsibility for un-

Heinrich Himmler: A crucial note?

overturn many postwar attempts to min-

imize his role in it. It would also cast

new doubt on Mr. Goldbagen's con-tested explanation of the Holocaust —

put forward in his 1996 best seller

being primarily rooted in what he

termed an "eliminationist" and-Semit-

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Flying the Fleur-de-Lis

French Royalists Commemorate a Black Day

By Craig R. Whitney

PARIS - Prince Sixie-Henri de Bourbon-Parme, a distant relative of Louis XVI, stood about where the guillotine chopped the royal head off 205 years ago Wednesday and looked on the bright side.

"It's no more unthinkable to say that we could have a monarchy in France three years from now than it was to stand here in 1788 and say that France would become a republic," said the prince, wearing a silver fleur-de-lis pin and a black oe in mourning. "So everything is

possible. Restoration seemed a distant dream on Wednesday, though. Only a score of monarchists showed up as radiant sunshine poured down over the Place de la Concorde, called the Place Louis XV and then the Place de la Revolution before Louis and 1,342 other people were guillotined there in the Terror. Chastened revolutionaries in the Directory later gave the square its present

name in hopes of encouraging reconciliation.

Five years agn, on the 200th anniversary, hundreds of people remembered the king's death in ceremonies attended by the U.S. ambassador of the time. Walter Curley. He deposited a bouquet of flowers in gratitude for the support the American Revolucion got from Louis XVI, saying, "Louis XVI, nous voilà!"

As is customary, a couple of hundred people prayed for the soul of Louis XVI in Saint-Germain-l'Auxerrois, the royal parish church when the Louvre across the street was a palace instead of a museum, at a Requiem Mass also attended by Prince Sixte-Henri.

His presence was a notable event in the faccon-ridden polities of France's tiny royalist movement, when on the anniversary of the most terrible event in its history most members of the Bourbon branch usually repair for Mass to the Basilica of Saint-Denis, where

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A Cultural Turnaround / Gauchos Sing the Blues

'Yankee' Is Cool in Latin America

By Anthony Faiola
Washington Post Service

UENOS AIRES - Mnddy Waters stares down from the wall with Polaroid eyes, grinning ear to ear as cool rhythms ooze through an overheated club that no-smoking laws forgot. There is enough black clothing for Big Joe Turner's funeral, enough berets for a picnic in Paris. And man, oh, man, has the guy on stage got some

serious girl troubles "Oh baby, oh baby," belts out the Argentine bluesman and club owner Jorge (Napo) Napoleone. "I ain't never found nobody so crazy as you."

The rancous crowd apparently has never found oobody so crazy as his baby, either. "Keep it coming," one woman yells in Spanish through her impossibly burnt-down cigarette

Make oo mistake: The Argentines got the blues. So do the Brazilians, the Uruguayans, the Chileans and much of the rest of Latin America. Bigname American acts and homegrown artists can be found in almost any city in the region, sounding as mournful in their singing as their audiences are happy to hear them.

The popularity of the blues here

underscores a cultural phenomenoo sweeping South America, where everything stamped "U.S.A." is suddenly red hot - and blue. Choruses of "Yankee Go Home" have faded as the region's once ubiquitous dicta-torships and radical left give way to a new age of free-market economies and eager connections with the United States. Those closer economic and political ties have oow evolved into a cultural invasioo from the north unlike any before, and it has locals here reveling in things American far beyond mainstream Madonna songs and Sylvester Stallone flicks.

It is, experts say, an example of how it's cool to be American again in the global society. It's not just about Parisians oo Rollerblades, Russians eating Whoppers or Himalayan Sherpas wearing Washington Redskins T-shirts. Today, it's about Terrence McNally, Jean-Michel Basquiat and

B. B. King. Wheo I was growing op, French

was the second language of the intellectual community, but that has completely changed," said Tomas Eloy Martinez, one of Argentina's most celebrated authors. "English has replaced French — not just in ecooomic circles but now in cultural circles. It has everything to do with America and the fact that it is being

viewed as culturally important in a way we never thought before." South Americans, from the lowest classes to the highest rungs of an

After fall of dictators, 'a lot of the distrust of America faded away.

intelligentsia that once considered European culture far more worthy of absorption, are flocking to take in more sophisticated American offerings. Among them: local productions of American plays, book signings by American authors, exhibits by experimental American artists.

Meanwhile, American symbols have become the ultimate marketing tools across the continent - often without true cognizance of their meaning in the United States. A popular brand of jeans in Argentina, for instance, uses the Confederate flag as its logo, although four people here who were asked randomly about it had no cine of its association with slavery. "It's American;" said a young man wearing a Confederate flag on his backside. "It means liberty."

VERYONE is clamoring for classes in "American Eng-lish." And there is a growing tendency throughout the region to adopt English words into everyday speech, using "shopping" as a noun for a shopping mall or "top" when describing something as the ultimate.

"It's an amazing turnaround," said James Moore, the cultural attaché at the U.S. Embassy here, which helped bring such performers as Liza Minnelli and the American Ballet Theater to multiple sold-out appearances in Buenos Aires.

"After the fall of the dictators in

Latin America and the invasion of mass media; a lot of the distrust of America faded away." Mr. Moore

said.
"They don't feel guilty about enjoying American culture anymore, and they are increasingly interested in the said and they are increasingly interested and they are increasingly interested and they are increasingly interested and they are increased as a said as a sai the more sophisticated stuff — not just the Big Macs."

Nowhere is the switch from Yankee bashing to Yankee hugging more obvious than historically Eurocentric Argentina, where 90 percent of the population is of European descent and where Juan Peron rose to the nation's highest office on anti-American rhet-

These days, the only Darm Yan-kees in Argentina are the ones on stage. Boenos Aires is the capital of Latin American theater, yet almost 50 percent of the plays in production here are translated works by U.S. playwrights, most of them imported from Broadway and off-Broadway. The list of hits includes Mr. McNally's "Master Class," which had its premiere in Washington and went on to become one of the biggest grossing plays of all time in South America. Also a hit was "Angels in America," Tony Kushner's epic on AIDS.

Contrast that with 20 years ago, when, in the era of the dictatorships, such American works were looked down upon compared with homegrown or European imports, according to F&F Prodoctions, the largest distributor of U.S. plays in Latin America.

"Plays from America are what the people want to see now," said Federico Gonzalez del Pino, co-owner of F&F, who contracts with the Elisabeth Martin Agency in New York to bring U.S. stage works to South America.

'They are very 'top' right now.''
On a recent Sunday at the Buenos Aires Museum of Fine Arts, college art students couldn't walk fast enough down halls lined with French Impressionists and old Spanish masters to ohh and ahh at the crayoo-oo-paper works of Basquiat, a Manhattan-horn appendage of Andy Warhol.

Marcos Corso, 18, took meticulous notes in front of a Basquiat drawing of a cow, or a horse, or a moose something with four legs, anyway. When asked what he saw in an image



Jorge (Napo) Napoleone playing outside his blues club in Buenos Aires.

that looked like the work of a toddler who couldn't color within the lines, the student sneered and said, in mildly accented English, "It speaks to the rawness of American culture; it is the value it brings to us."

ERHAPS the hottest slice of American culture outside the mainstream, however, re-mains the blues. There are at least six blues clubs in Buenos Aires and about as many in Rio de Janeiro and their oumbers are growing.

Here, the clubs range from upscale places for the wealthy at the "top" Puerto Madero complex on the Buenos Aires waterfront to the downand-dirty gin joints of La Boca, the old

Italian quarter known for giving birth to the rango.

Blues are so popular here, in fact, that many American blues musicians, along with their jazz and soul cousins, who are unable to find work in the United States are flocking here for top

"I couldn't get a record company in the States to talk to me," said Bruce Ewan, a Washington blues musician who also sells advertising for The Washington Post. "But when I came to Buenos Aires, they flew me in first class. I got hundreds of calls on a radio show and played sold-out concerts with lines around the block. I've cut a record in Brazil, and it's doing

Algiers Bomb Explodes at University

ALGIERS - A bomb exploded Wednesday in front of one of the main university buildings in central Algier, killing one person, state radio reported. Hospital officials said earlier, however, that two people had died.

The afternoon bombing took place on a street packed with students and others, and the soil was likely to rise, the hospital officials said. They spoke on the condition they not be named.

The door to the building burst into flames after the bomb went off, and people fled in panic. Security forces moved in quickly and sealed off the

The explosion came the day after at least 11 people were killed by two bombs—one on an Algiers bus, another at a marker in Zeralda, about 30 ki at a market in course, of the capital lometers (19 miles) west of the capital It also came a day after a Europes Union delegation ended a 24-hour visit with a call for the Algerian regime to be more open about the violence that is

wracking the nation.

More than 1,000 people reportedly have been killed, mostly in brutal massacres, since the Muslim holy month of

Ramadan began on Dec. 30.

The visit by the EU envoys was the first such effort by the West to end a civil war that has killed an estimated 75,000 people since 1992, when an Is-

lamic insurgency began.

The EU delegation was led by Derei, Fatchen, the British secretary of state for foreign affairs.

In its latest edition, the editors of El Ribat, a weekly newsletter published overseas by supporters of the banned Islamic Salvation Front, welcomed the EU mission.

But they also orged the EU out to limit the dialogue to the government, asking that it reach out to the opposition "in the goal of bringing all the protagonists toward a peaceful political; solution."

In the Algiers bombing, officials said one person was killed and one wounded, but witnesses put the casualty toll high-

The dead person had been blowo to pieces, and the remains were seen deposited in a box in an ambulance. Some witnesses suggested the person may have been the bomber but there was no official word on that theory.

TRAVEL UPDATE

New Moscow Terminal for Aeroflot

MOSCOW (AP) — Aeroflot plans to start building a new passenger terminal this year at Moscow's international airport, officials said Wednesday.

The first stage of the project at Sheremetyevo airport is expected to cost \$50 million to \$70 million, said Igor Desyatnichenko, the head of Aeroflot's economics department. Existing facilities will be updated, he said.

A tender will be held soon, with Russian and foreign investors likely to participate, the Interfax news agency quoted Mr. Desyamichenko as saying.

Lucerne Prison to Become a Hotel

LUCERNE, Switzerland (AP) - In a bid to attract lowbodget travelers, Lucerne will open a new hotel — the local

City authorities unveiled plans Wednesday for the 63-room hotel. The exercise yard will become a "leisure area," and there will be a restaurant and bar. The narrow, two-bed cells will remain. Inmates are to be moved to a facility outside Lucerne, and the hotel should open by April 1999.



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Zimbabwe Will Review Prices in Wake of Riots

HARARE, Zimbabwe -

Robert Mugabe's govern-ment, battling to contain the worst civil unrest since in-It said the cabinet appealed that it would review rising food prices.

Downtown Harare and outlying townships were political motives.' calm as army troops in trucks and armored cars patrolled trashed soburban shopping centers after the rioting Monday and Tnesday.

Th police said 300 people

were arrested in the Chitungwiza neighborhood after being found with looted goods in door-to-door searches. Later Wednesday, most

and a military helicopter fired tear gas at crowds on a highway leading into the city. After two days of rioting, the government sent troops on Tuesday to the capital and

its volatile suburbs, where looting has been widespread. nation, the former Rhodesia. became independent in 1980.

Mr. Mugabe, who warned

state of emergency if rioting continued, led a cabinet meet-As policemen searched ing that named a three-memhomes and arrested people ber special ministerial comwith looted goods, President mittee to review food price

dependence, said Wednesday for people to go back to work and not be hoodwinked by hooligans, arsonists and other forces which have their own

For the first time, unrest spread to provincial centers southwest of Harare, witnesses said. Shops were looted late Tuesday and early Wednesday in the towns of Norton, Chegutu and Gweru. The protests were sparked

by a 21 percent increase in the price of commeal, a staple food, on Monday after inbusinesses in downtown Har- creases of more than 25 percent are shut down after the police on most essential goods during the first two weeks of the year. Commeal has doubled in price in four months.

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Correction

Due to an editing error, an It was the first time the article on the Social Demo-government had dispatched cratic Party of Germany in cratic Party of Germany in troops to quell riots since the Wednesday's editions misstated the year of Helmut Schmidt's departure from the chancellorship. The year was Tuesday that he would call a 1982.

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Voter Satisfaction With Clinton and Congress Soaring 1990s. Two out of three say their viewed said they approved of the job somewhat by a succession of fiNearly two in three approve of the way Mr. Clinton three approves of the way Mr. Clinton three appro

WASHINGTON - Americans are far more satisfied now than at any time in recent years with the overall direction of the country, their elected leaders in Washington and with the performance of the more people than ever say they are federal government, according to a satisfied with the way government is Washington Post-ABC News na-

Economic growth at bome and relative peace abroad continue to benefit President Bill Clinton, whose job approval rating stands at 60 percent — the 22d successive time since mid-1995 that Mr. Clinton's approval rating has topped 50 percent in Post-ABC News polls.

At the same time, pubbic support for Congress is as high now as it was in the euphoric days immediately after the Gulf War in 1991. Three out of four Americans approve of the job their representative in Congress is doing, a record for the

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TOPICS

Montana's Goal: Reel In Cash

As 'Switzerland of the Rockies'

Montana, the Big Sky state known for its wide-open spaces and trophy trout, is of-

fering a new attraction: numbered bank

accounts. Last month, it completed reg-

ulations to become the first state to open an

offshore banking haven, allowing special

depositories for wealthy overseas clients

But a Switzerland of the Rockies? Skep-

tics fear the plan will attract dirty money,

with drug and mob connections, reports The New York Times. Optimists, however,

call it the ideal tax, one paid by somebody

these kinds of accounts, mostly in Switzer-land or the Grand Caymans," said State

Senator Mike Sprague, a Republican spon-

sor of the bill that was passed overwhelm-

ingly.

"If we could only get a fraction of that amount, say \$75 billion, and from that

generate a billion dollars in fees - that

would take care of the entire state share of

the budget," he said
Whether depositors would actually

choose to hide their money in Hungry

Horse instead of St. Moritz is another ques-

oon. So is the problem of tainted money.

Montana rules say depositors cannot be

U.S. citizens or convicted felons, and must

deposit at least \$200,000. But federal of-

-ficials are concerned. "It's very hard to know your customers in these kinds of offshore arrangements," said Raymond Kelly, undersecretary of the Treasury for

Montanans, facing a somewhat flat

economy, say it's worth the gamble. So far,

they have invested only \$18,000 in smdy-

ing offshore banking regulations. "For the

price of a good used pickup truck," said Mr. Sprague, "what can we lose?"

There is about \$3 trillion in money in

other than residents and voters.

seeking privacy.

clected — an early sign that this year's congressional elections may be less volcanic than those in 1994

Though half the country continnes to express some unhappiness with the federal government, far working and fewer people say they

Even those "angry white males" of elections past seem less dyspeptic today than they were just a few years ago. According to the survey, 44 percent of all working-class white men interviewed said they were at least "satisfied" with the performance of the federal government. more than double the 20 percent who expressed a similar view in January 1995.

Newt Gingrich, the Republican speaker of the House, also is en-joying a surge in respect, if not pop-ularity: 40 percent of those inter-

SPACE BOUND — Barbara Morgan, the backup to Christa McAuliffe, who died when the Challenger exploded in 1986, is training for a space shuttle flight.

Short Takes

Los Angeles officials hope they have

found an answer to the problem of wan-

dering pets: computer chips. By implanting a chip the size of a grain of rice under the skin of a pet's neck, lost pets can be re-

united with owners, and fewer strays have

to be killed. The chips are inserted with a

needle in a painless procedure; when animals are brought to a shelter, they are

scanned like groceries to learn the owner's identity. The idea, already used in some

other cities, had some bugs; scanners from

one company did not always pick up the

code from another's chips. Now the prob-

These days, railroads in America seem

to suffer from an unending string of in-dignities, of cuts in budgets and service.

But only people of a certain age recall the

revolution that the rails brought to daily life

for millions in small towns. Older Amer-

icans can remember growing and canning

their own food, weaving their own cloth,

Suddenly, notes Invention & Technol-

ogy magazine, the railroads created a na-

tionwide market. In the late 19th century,

the winter diet often consisted of meat,

potatoes, turnips, cabbage and masses of

pickles. By springtime, nearly everyone was sick. But by the 1920s, fresb produce from Florida and Southern California, shipped in refrigerated trains, had transformed diets, and lives.

In an unusual self-imposed morato-

rium, chefs at some 25 top restaurants

along the East Coast and into Texas are

dropping swordfish from their menus. The

reason: fears that overfishing of North At-

lantic swordfish could leave the species too

rare to be worth bunting. The fish, which

can reach 1,200 pounds, were once caught by single-shot harpoons; now they are

caught on hooks that dangle from lines up to 40 miles long. The North Atlantic sword-

fish population is down by an estimated 68

percent since 1960. The situation is not so

dire in the Pacific.

lem has been eliminated.

building their own furniture.

32 percent said they had an overall favorable impression of Mr. Gin-grich, up from 23 percent nine

While the president and Congress have benefited from buoyed public spirits. Vice President Al Gore has not. The proportion of Americans who question whether Mr. Gore has the honesty and integrity to be president stands at 46 percent, up slightly from 43 percent in Octo-

As for feelings of national wellbeing, half of those interviewed said the country was "seriously off on the wrong track." But that's down from 77 percent just two years ago, and 44 percent said the country was headed in the right direction, more than double the proportion who expressed similar optimism in 1996.

Americans also see potential problems ahead. More than half of

again, off-again confrontation with President Saddam Hussein of Iraq remains a concern, the survey sug-

The survey found economic confidence at record levels. According

Jan. 15 to Jan. 19. The margin of

the president's performance. Nearly two in three approve of the way Mr. Clinton is handling race relations, including 8 out of 10 hlacks interviewed. Even half of all Republicans say Mr. Clintoo is do-

ing a good job on race.

A majority of those interviewed also approve of the way the White to the poll, 75 percent of those interviewed described the economy as "very good" or "good," up from 64 percent less than a year ago.

A total of 1,206 randomly selected adults were interviewed from and 70 percent in September 1996.

The survey found that Coogress as an institution is more popular now than at any time in recent history. Nearly half - 47 percent -

job their representatives are doing, a view shared by half of those inproblems ahead. More than half of performing badly, just over a third—terviewed in a Post-ABC News surthose interviewed said they expections and they approved of vey in October 1994.

Welfare Rolls Hit 28-Year Low

POLITICAL NOTES

Feinstein Says She Won't Run

LOS ANGELES — Senator Dianne Feinstein, the front-runner among California gubernatorial hopefuls this year, has ruled our a race for the Democranc nom-

ination, saying she did not want to run in a "very debilitating campaign environment."

Ms. Feinstein said campaigns in California bad deteriorated to the point "that there is very little uplifting or

She said she would rather spend the next year working on issues that "contribute something positive" to the

Governor Pete Wilson, a Republican, cannot run again because of term limits. Ms. Feinstein, the only one of six

potential Democratic contenders to lead Dan Lungren, the

state attorney general, in statewide polls, made her de-

cision less than two weeks after President Bill Clinton

constructive about the process."

state and the nation.

urged her to enter the race.

WASHINGTON - The number of people on federal welfare rolls has dropped below 10 million for the first time in more than 25 years, Clinton administration of-

Fewer than 4 percent of Americans are now on welfare, the smallest proportion since 1970, the government re-

The President's Council of Economic Advisers says that more than 40 percent of the decline is attributable to growth of the economy. More than 30 percent results from changes in federal and state welfare policies and laws, the council said. The remainder is ascribed to other factors, including more aggressive collection of child

Protest Over Surgeon General

WASHINGTON -- Conservatives, including Senator John Asberoft, Republican of Missouri, have started a drive to block Senate confirmation of David Satcher as surgeon general, setting the stage for a potentially rancorous fight over his nomination after Congress reconvenes

At a news conference sponsored by the conservative journal Human Events, Mr. Ashcroft and representatives of the Christian Coalition and the Family Research Council objected in particular to Mr. Satcher's support for Mr. Clinton's stand opposing passage of legislation to ban what critics describe as "partial-hirth" abortions. (WP)

Quote/Unquote

William H. Ginshurg, who is representing a young woman in an investigation by the independent counsel Kenneth Starr of allegations of a new sexual scandal with President Clinton: "If he did have a sexual relationship with a 23-year-old intern. I question bis judgment. If he didn't, then I think Ken Starr and his crew have ravaged

sampling error for the overall results is plus or minus 3 percentage say they approve of the job that Congress is doing. Individual members are even more popular, Three out of four re-Mr. Clinton clearly benefits from good economic times. His job approval rating stands at 68 percent among those who think the economy is doing well. But Congress is doing. Individual members are even more popular. Three out of four respondents said they approved of the

among the 24 percent of those interviewed who said the economy was

Unabomb Suspect Fit for Trial

Judge Holds Kaczynski to Mental-Illness Defense

By William Glaberson New York Times Service

SACRAMENTO, California — Theodore Kaczynski is competent to stand trial on charges that he is the Unabomber, defense lawyers have conceded.

Then, with that issue resolved, the federal judge in the case suggested Tuesday that he would keep the current defense team in place and bold Mr. Kaczynski to an agree-ment to use a mental-illness defense at least in the penalty phase of his trial. The trial is scheduled to begin Thursday. Judge Garland Burrell of

U.S. District Court suggested that Mr. Kaczynski had asked to represent himself too late and only to delay his trial. And the judge said the ap-

would only postpone a maintained that Mr. Kaczynstruggle over whether Mr. ski met the low threshold of Kaczynski or his lawyers mental fitoess to be qualified should control the question of whether to portray him as mentally ill as a way to try to avoid the death penalty.

Mr. Kaczynski is accused of mailing bombs that killed two people and maimed two and not released poblicly, others. His protest against a psychiatric defense would resurface with almost any new lawyer, the judge said. Then, he said, "We will be right back in the situation we're in right at this moment. The concession that Mr.

Kaczynski is competent came after the defense lawyers and the judge reviewed a sealed competency evaluation that was filed this weekend by Sally Johnson, a court-appointed psychiatrist.

Because prosecutors bad

concluded that Mr. Kaczynski, while competent to stand trial, suffers from serious mental illness, including 'schizophrenia, paranoid

to stand trial, the concession

by the defense resolved the

issue without any ruling from

Dr. Johnson's report,

which was filed under seal

type," said a lawyer who had

the judge.

consulted on the case and had read the report. That is the same diagnosis the defense team has suggested applies to Mr. Kaczynski. Dr. Johnson concluded that Mr. Kaczynski had delusions that he was being "maligned

and harassed by family mem-

the life of a youngster.'

Congress Buzzes With Plans for Tax Code Reform

ton Post Service

WASHINGTON - Open season on the tax code has officially begun, with leaders from both parties proposing dramatic - and dramatically way Americans would pay

The House Ways and Means Committee chairman. Bill Archer, Republican of Texas, sought to stake a claim on prospective budget surpluses by proposing \$200 hillion of new tax cuts and loopholes in the coming decade, elimination of the "marriage penalty" this year and a limit to 19 percent of the total econ-

current 19.9 percent share. He also called for lowering and simplifying the capital gains tax as well as a number of other measures that would primarily benefit upper-income bouseholds.

At the same time, the fice. House minority leader, Richard Gephardt, Democrat of Missouri, reprised his pro-posal for revamping the tax devote most of future surcode to eliminate most major

ters of Americans to pay no and Democrats are clamoring more than 10 percent of their for big tax cuts to boost conincome in taxes and dispense sumer power, slow the

by a \$50 billion increase in taxes on corporations: ""

The plans are the latest in a deluge of Republican and Democratic proposals for using future surpluses for major different - changes in the tax relief and reform, as well as to begin paying off the \$5.6 trillion national debt. Even within the parties, there is little agreement on how, or if.

tax changes might happen. With the return of Congress next week, the Ways and Means Committee, the chief tax-writing panel, will launch a series of bearings on overhauling the tax code and reforming or abolishing the on all future federal revenue Internal Revenue Service as part of a larger debate over omy, a reduction from the how best to move from an era of massive deficits to one of fast-growing surpluses.

Budget surpluses will total roughly \$660 billion in the next 10 years, according to the latest estimates of the Congressional Budget Of-

While government watchpluses to debt retirement and deductions.

He said in a speech that his plan would oblige three-quar
Archer and other Republicans

"has kept me going," adding, "To learn about my health, I

have to read the newspaper."

■ Exiles Return in Hope

Molly Moore and Serge F.

Kovaleski of The Washington Post reported earlier from

As the first planeloads of

Cuban-Americans arrived in

with the need for the majority, growth of government spend, better care for themselves." windfall back to taxpayers), to file tax returns. His plan ing and curry favor with The prospect of a surplus But congressional leaders

sound of taxes being removed

"I believe in a balanced tisan alliances in Washington, budget and fought to enact reshuffling legislators into

excess to pay down the na-

wbolesale changes in the tax code this year, such as the call one," said Mr. Archer, one of what Clint Stretch, tax directive architects of last year's tor of the accounting and conbalanced budget and tax cut agreement.

But he added that, "mere balance must not be society's sulting firm Deloitte & of Texas, for a flat tax or Mr.

Archer's push for a national sales tax. Many analysis also think it unlikely that congressions. "The giant sucking sound you hear," he said, "is the sound of taxes being sound." (those who want to use the sound of taxes being sound tion of the present in a code as from workers' paychecks, tiooal debt), and "Return-its" a way of forcing the debate-on deoying families the ability to (those who want to give the an alternative.

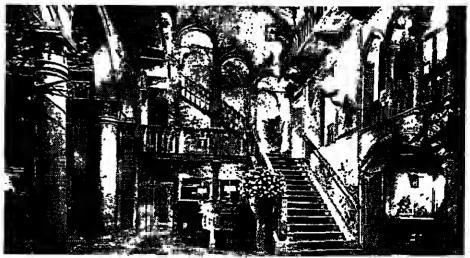


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Pope Urges Cuba and U.S. to Find a 'Better Way'

Brian Knowlton

ABOARD THE PAPAL and health. PLANE — Pope John Paul II pressed the Cuban leadership Wednesday to make progress on burnan rights, and be United States' policy of im- gress to be made." posing an embargo on the Communist nation.

enforcement.

l think about human rights the same that I have spoken countries beginning in 1979," the Pope told reporters aboard the plane taking him to Cuba.

"Human rights are fundamental rights, and the foundation of all civilization for regulating social communica-

The Polish pontiff, who is widely credited with helping bring down communism in his homeland, said his experience confronting Poland's was convicted of killing a retired james dur-Communist totalitarian system" had led to his belief in

n4.

the power of human rights. Asked about the situation flashback to his days as a prisoner of war in in Cuba over the last 40 years, he gave the government cred-

called for change in the is the area where there is pro-

message for the United States "You know very well what regarding its economic em-hink about human rights — bargo, the Pope said, "To e same that I have spoken change, to change." Noting about in Poland and so many the interest the trip had gencrated in the United States, the pontiff said, "Perhaps both Cuba and the United States are looking for a better way."

ing a robbery.

Away From Politics

last-minute appeal was put to death at the

Stateville Correctional Center in Illinois after

waiving all appeals. Lloyd Wayne Hampton

• A World War II veteran who blamed a

Japan for killing his son-in-law has been

it for advances in schooling The Pope said he wanted to angels in service of the Buttraveling as pontiff, he said, and health.

The Pope said he wanted to angels in service of the Buttraveling as pontiff, he said, poor," the Pope said: "We're "has kept me going," adding, "I hope there will also be ident Fidel Castro of Cuba in progress in the order of human their meeting Thursday. When freedom," John Panl said, "in the dignity of the person. This said: "The truth, the truth. His own truth as a man, as president, as the so-called comand-

"Also the full truth of his

(Reuters)

not angels. We're men." He said his visit was historic because there had been no opportunity for such a visit before. Asked what the outcome might be, he said, "I am not a propher. There is an expression — 'Let's wait and see.' Asked whether he had a ante of the revolution. The Pope looked in fine

country, about relations between courch and state. The Cuban president knows well who the Pope is. If be invited him, he knows well ahead of

form as he answered ques-tions in four languages for 18 Cuban-Americans arrived in preparation for the portiff's minutes during the 12-hour blane trip. time what he wants to say."

To Mr. Castro's description of the two men as "two 1979," when he became Pope.

• A murderer who came within hours of California A jury convicted Richard Keecb of execution five years ago before exercising a shooting his son-in-law five times. · Attorneys for the Teamsters president, ing to Cuba after 36 years.

Ron Carey, said at a federal disciplinary hearing that the union leader was the innocent victim of convicted felons. Reid Weingarten said that Mr. Carey's former campaign manager, Jere Nash, had been out to line his own pockets but got caught by federal prosecutors and was now implicating Mr. Carey in an American exiles are expected sentenced to at least 35 years in prison in effort to reduce his sentence.

visit, Havana's Jose Marti airport was transformed into a massive celebration of family reunions. Three generations of Cubans and their American relatives clutched one another as their sobs and cries echoed throughout the terminal.

"There wasn't a good opportunity to come here before," said Carlos Seleya, 52, a Florida accountant return-"The Pope coming here will make life better not just for Christians. It will make Castro make life better for

More than 1,000 Cuban-(WP) to travel to Cuba this week.

Cohen, at DMZ, Defends U.S. Stance on Mines

CAMP BONIFAS, South Korea -The U.S. defense secretary, William Cohen, inspected the intricate military defenses on the border with North Korea on Wednesday and defended Washington's refusal to sign a treaty

banning anti-personnel land mines.
Mr. Cohen stood at a fence on the Demilitarized Zone dividing the two Koreas and said the United States and South Korea needed tens of thousands of mines planted here to help deter a North Korean attack.

Without the land mines, the capacity for the forces in the North would be certainly eased to roll through this area to downtown Seoul," he said.

Wearing a leather jacket against bitter cold on the final visit of a seven-nation Asian trip, Mr. Cohen noted that the North's army rolled across the border and through the same corridor in 1950 to start the three-year Korean War.

He walked down a narrow, paved road flanked by grassy, deadly mine-fields and tank traps and later watched U.S. and South Korean forces practice with live fire from tanks and machine guns on a gunnery range.

But the main event was the secretary's reiteration of the U.S. explanation of President Bill Clinton's refusal to agree to an international treaty in Canada last month to ban anti-personnel land mines. The mines have killed and maimed

thousands of civilians in countries from Cambodia to Namibia. More than 100 other countries agreed to the treaty in

"It is important to remind all of the people as to why the president felt so strongly," Mr. Cohen said, 'and why we felt very strongly, that we had to focus upon the land mines that are here.

and notwithstanding political pressure, which was significant."

He met U.S. soldiers at Camp Bonifas not far from the fence in the four-kilometer-wide (2.5 mile-wide) Demiliarized Zone established by the truce.

A U.S. military official who select

A U.S. military official, who asked not to be identified, told reporters traveling with Mr. Cohen that nearly a million mines had been buried by South Korean forces along the border and that the United States stood ready to quickly add millions of its own mines to the mix nf anti-personnel and anti-tank mines if war broke out. The nfficial said 35

people had been killed and 43 had been wounded in mine accidents along the border since 1992, and that about onethird of the casualties had been civilian.

The United States has promised that it will join a ban on anti-personnel mines when a viable alternative is developed, but that, meanwhile, the weapons are a key to defense of South Korea.
We have 37,000 troops in South

Korea and we intend to provide for their protection," Mr. Cohen said. "Without these mines, our troops would be vulnerable, the people of South Korea would be vulnerable, to a surprise attack and to the strength of a million-man army on the other side of the DMZ."

Mr. Cohen arrived in South Korea

from Japan earlier in the day on the last stop of a tour to improve U.S. relations with China and assure allies of Washington's support in a regional economic

South Korean president, Kim Young Sam, and with the president-elect, Kim Dae Jung, whn won elections last month and will take office Feb. 25 in a country whose economy has been devastated. While tensions have eased somewhat

He was to talk Thursday with the

since the beginning of peace talks in December involving the two Koreas, China and the United States, both U.S. and South Korean forces remain in a high state of alert in case of any attack from the North. The peace talks are scheduled to resume in Geneva in March.

On a hectic day that began with a morning news conference in Tokyo, Mr. Cohen also went aboard the aircraft carrier Independence at Yokosuka aaval station outside the Japanese-capital to give its officers and crew a personal sendoff. The Independence is due to head to the Gulf on Friday to replace the Nimitz. It will be the final mission for the "Indy" before it is retired.

At the news conference, Mr. Cohen expressed "personal regrets" to the Japanese public for a flap caused by the rush to get the Independence's fighter aircraft ready to depart for the Gulf on Friday.

The planes in recent days practiced night landings on the carrier, but Japanese officials were not given the required advance warning. Mr. Cohen said there had been complaints that the noise disrupted the studies of students preparing for exams. (Renters, AP)



Mr. Cohen greeting troops Wednesday on a firing range near the DMZ,

BRIEFLY

India Restricts Polls

NEW DELHI — The Election Commission said Wednesday that the publication or hroadcasting of opinion polls would be banned for two weeks starting Feb. 14, two days before In-

dia's general election gets under way.

A commission official, who asked not to be identified, said the ban had followed consultation with political parties. Exit polls will be banned until the evening of Feb. 28, when the third

phase of voting ends, he added.

Indians will elect members of the lower house of Parliament in four days of voting ending March 7. (Reuters)

China Activist Freed

BEIJING — A veteran labor-rights campaigner has been released from a Chinese prison farm, his nearly fouryear term completed, members of China's dissident community said Wednesday.

Zhou Guoqiang left the Shuanghe labor camp in Heilongjiang Province on Tuesday after his wife traveled the 2,000 kilometers (1,200 miles) from Beijing to get him, said Chu Hailan, whose husband was imprisoned at Shuang with Mr. Zhou. Members of Mr. Zhou's family could not be reached for comment.

Mr. Zhou, a lawyer, was detained in March 1994 for trying to set up an independent labor union.

Hun Sen Assails UN

PHNOM PENH — Cambodian live chicken deliveries last month. leaders, on the eve of a visit by the

United Nations' top human-rights official, have accused the world body of interference and warned it not to protect Cambodia's deposed first prime minister, Prime Norodom Ranariddh. Second Prime Minister Hun Sen and

his replacement for the prince, Ung Huot, wrote to the high commissioner for Human Rights, Mary Robinson, who is due Thursday in Phnom Penh, saying that the United Nations should not assist in the return of Prince Ranar-iddh. In July, Mr. Hun Sen overthrew the prince, who has since been charged with security-related crimes.

"May we remind you," they wrote,
"that the monitoring of returning exiled politicians does not include protection of people who were officially accused of crimes against the royal government, as such action would constitute a gross interference in the judiciary process and a gross violation of the UN Charter." (Reuters)

China Readies Fowl

HONG KONG - Hong Kong people may have fresh Chinese chicken for the Lunar New Year next Wednesday, following signs that China has not been affected by the avian flu that has killed six people here.

China has instructed quarantine officials in the southern province of Guangdong to complete preparations for the resumption Friday of chicken shipments to Hong Kong, reports from the mainland said Wednesday. Hong Kong imported 75,000 live

chickens a day from China before the outbreak among humans of the H5N1 virus forced the government to ban (Reuters)

Asian Guessing Game: Who Are 2 New Cardinals?

By Steven Mufson Washington Post Service

BELJING — Two secrets close to Pope John Paul II's heart have become the subject of speculation in Asia, where Roman Catholics believe that two newly chosen cardinals whose names the Pope has concealed might be located in China, Vietnam or North Korea.

In announcing the selection of 22 new cardinals this week, the Vatican said the Pope was keeping the names of two of them in pectore — from the Latin for "in my breast" — for fear that revealing their names would endanger the prelates or the local church.

The mere hint that the Pope might have secretly elevated an Asian bishop to cardinal has stirred Catholics in Asia, where those loyal to the Vatican often face arrest or other obstacles to wor-

the big love the Holy Father has for the church in China," said Monsignor Fernando Filoni, a church official based in Hong Kong.

Joseph Kung, who lives in Connecti-cut with his exiled mode, Ignatius Kung Pinmei, China's only known Vatican-approved cardinal, said that if the Pope has chosen a Chinese cardinal "it means that the Pope has taken notice of all the sufferings, of all the work of the underground church" in China.

It would be a reward for the hloodshed of the past and the suffering going

on right now," he said.

Not even the two men the Pope has secretly chosen will be told of the Pope's decision. The Pope will reveal their names only when the cardinals are out of danger or when they have died. If out of danger or when they have died. If the Pope dies first, his secret dies with

ship.
"If it were true, it would be a sign of cardinal in pectore sometime during the Cardinal Kung, now 96, was made a

medical treatment, Cardinal Kung had an audience with the Pope and learned that he had been selected a cardinal. The Pope did not announce the choice until

Whoever has been chosen, said another source in the Hong Kong church establishment who deals with the Chinese church, "can't go get his red hat and hang it."

"This is given in the heart, in secret."

If the person picked by the Pope ever learns of the choice, then it will serve 'as a consolation and reward for this man, whoever he is, and to send him to his eternal reward happy that the church has taken notice," the source said.

Here in China, speculation is centered on a few of the better-known bishops from the unofficial church, al-

passing cars, burned a motorcycle, de-stroyed an automated teller machine and

30 years he spent in jail in China starting though church officials in the region say, in 1955. In 1989, the year after he was allowed to go to the United States for possibilities include Bishop Fan though church officials in the region say,
there is not any obvious candidate. The
possibilities include Bishop Fan
Zhongliang of Shanghai, Bishop Su,
Zhimin of Baoding, Bishop Wang Milu
of Gansu Province, and Bishops Liu
Guandong and Jia Zhiguo of Hebei
Province Most of them spent long periods in init or labor comme during the ods in jail or labor camps during the Cultural Revolution from 1966 to 1976. and most have been in and out of detention in recent years as they rose, through the underground church hier-

> Although Chinese Catholics are far. more free to worship than they were during the Cultural Revolution when hundreds of Catholic priests and faithful, were sent to jail or labor camps, the Chinese government still harasses those who proclaim their ultimate loyalty to the Vatican rather than Beijing's Religious Affairs Bureau under the Chinese State Council. inese State Council.

Bangkok Warns Workers After Police Quell a Protest

BANGKOK - The Thai government warned workers Wednesday that it would take tough action against violent or unruly protests after an outbreak of

The warning came after policemen armed with riot sticks and shields broke up a violent protest early Wednesday by hundreds of employees of an auto-parts company in the outskirts of Bangkok, injuring dozens and arresting 58. Twelve policemen were injured.

"I will not tolerate further mob rule

and will take tough action against pro-testers who cause difficulties for the public," Interior Minister Sanan Kajomprasart said.

It was the first time in several years that the police had used force to disperse protesters in Thailand, signaling a tougher stand against unrest as the country goes through its worst economic

crisis in decades. More than 3,000 workers of the Thai Summit Anto Parts Industry Co. had been blocking the main Bangna-Trad road, about 20 kilometers (13 miles) from Bangkok, since Tuesday, in a dis-

The demonstration caused huge traffie jams in the approach to Bangkok and in the capital itself.

The police broke up the protest after about 500 of the workers threw rocks at

pute over bonuses.

tried to storm the auto parts factory, which was guarded by police officers.

"The suspects are being held at a police detention center," a policeman said. "We will be charging them with causing public unrest and damaging public property."

If found guilty they could face jail terms of 5 to 10 years.

The auto-parts company had said it would cut bonus payments this year to one month from three previously, citing the economic crisis. The incident revived memories of a

similar protest at a Japanese-Thai electrical appliance company last year, when workers protesting cuts in bo-nuses set fire to an administrative building and parts of a factory on the outskirts

Some members of the public and industry leaders welcomed the tough police action on Wednesday.

"Use of force in such a deteriorating situation is needed and it was appropriate," said Saengchai Ekkapatpaaich, a board member of the Federation of Thai Industries.

But he added, "In this time of economic crisis I would rather call on en ployees and employers to compromi more for the survival of both sides." A political analyst, Seksan Som-im-

sart, applauded the police action. "I praise the officials who used law enforcement to end the violent protest." he said. "Those employees who are facing hardships can protest in their own factory and not cause trouble for the

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Java Chief Attributes Riots to Criminals ernor Basofi Sudirman said, "and the SURUBAJA, Indonesia - The govsituation has been taken advantage of by ernor of Jawa Timur Province said people whn want to create instability. But Mr. Sudirman did say the situ-Wednesday that unrest in the heavily populated region was the work of crim-inals and had no link with soaring food ation in East Java and Surubaja, the provincial capital, could be more serious than elsewhere in Indonesia, although he did not elaborate. Mobs attacked shops and supermarkets in the Muslim province last week There has been no apparent increase in security in Surubaja, the secondafter increases in prices of essential goods. The region has been mostly calm this week, although stray incidents of stone-throwing have been reported.

and suspected hoarding of food for the looting, which has sparked fears that

Indonesia's worst economic crisis in decades chuld spill into the streets. The current problems are not due to. rising prices but purely criminal," Gov-

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Residents have hlamed the price rises

largest city in Indonesia after Jakarta. But residents and church officials re-

ported minor incidents in the southeast of the province. There were reports of some shops

(125 miles) southeast of Surubaja. "These are only small problems which are caused by price rises. Some

being attacked Sunday and Monday around Jember, a town 200 kilometers

Another clergyman said people lined up to huy cooking oil refused to go home

to a town near Jember.

in Jember after being told there was no They started to demonstrate, but security forces were there controlling

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stones were thrown at shops around Puger," a church official said, referring

the situation and there was no violence," he said.

Jawa Timur, a province of about 35 million people, is home to makers of wood and leather products, sports shoes, paper, textiles and coffee. It faces significant difficulties due to the economic crisis, as economists report that factories are dismissing workers. But they add that some export commodities are benefiting from the plunge of the rupish.

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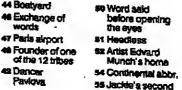
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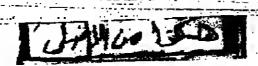
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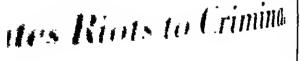


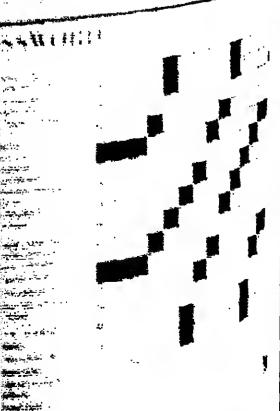
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Havel Still Czechs' No. 1 Despite Narrow Victory

By Peter S. Green International Hetald Tribune

PRAGUE — It was a slap in the face, but Vaclav Havel hardly seemed

Late Tuesday night he was re-elect-ed president of the Czech Republic by Parliament with a margin of only one vote in the 200-seat lower chamber.

His opponents were a Communist, Stanislav Fischer, and the leader of the extreme-right Republican Party, Miroslav Sladek, who is in prison awaiting trial on charges of inciting

But with his popularity at 70 percent in opinion polls, the election proved the Czech Parliament's growing dis-

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tance from popular sentiment and in fact capped Mr. Havel's comeback as the country's political leader, a force that no Czech politician can ignore. Mr. Havel will probably become 'king on the chessboard of political

in his country, Martin Komarek, a commentator for the news-paper Mlada Fronta Dnes wrote Wednesday. Other commentators and poliocians dismissed the narrow margin of victory as an act of petty revenge by the followers of former Prime Minister Vaclav Klans, who was forced to resign in late November over a political financing scandal.

Mr. Havel's election 'proves that' we have not yet gone completely nnts," said Petr Pithart, chairman of

Judging by the numbers, Mr. Klaus's supporters appeared to have joined the die-hard Communist Party and the extreme-right Republicans to oppose Mr. Havel, hiding behind the cloak of a secret ballot.

"Poliocal cowardice," asserted Tomas Zahradnicek, a commentator. Several parliamentarians said it was only because the ballot was secret that Mr. Havel won by such a slim margin. "It was an expression of Czech political pettiness, an effort to humiliate someone," said Josef Lux, the agriculture minister and leader of the

Christian Democrats. Now firmly ensconced in the presidential castle high above Pragne for what will be his final five-year term, Mr. Havel has set himself the task of rebuilding a country that has fallen into a deep economic recession and an equally deep political and popular de-

Half-finished economic reforms that built a watered-down version of crony capitalism and drove the country into debt are threatening years of mod-erate growth. The stock market has bottomed out, inflation and unemployment are rising, and many large Czech companies are having increasing dif-



President Vaclay Havel and his wife, Dagmar, watching TV coverage of a session of the Czech Parliament.

ficulty selling their wares at home or abroad. Analysts say the Czech economy is rotten and needs a major over-

Already, Mr. Havel has had to step out of his preferred role as a sort of philosopher king to enter the political fray, outlining the new rules of the game and even selecting the main play-

Family troubles, a fight with lung cancer and a bout of pneumonis in late fall had convinced many Czechs that their president was almost history.

But when Mr. Klaus was ousted in November, Mr. Havel stepped back into the political fight, finally naming names and standing up for the moral principles that he had fought for as a dissident and as leader of the 1989 'velvet revolution' that overthrew Communist rule in Czechoslovakia.

In an extraordinary speech to Par-liament in early December, just after the government fell, Mr. Havel said society had fallen into a "post-Com-munist morass," which he hlamed largely on Mr. Klaus's "cloak of liberalism without adjectives" that allowed "the most immoral people" to achieve the greatest success.

Mr. Havel laid out a 10-point pro-

gram for his country to get back in shape, including rehuilding a respect for the rule of law, building popular support for the country's expected membership in the North Atlando Treaty Organization and European Union, cleaning up the country's horrendous pollution, rehuilding what Mr. Havel likes to call "civil society" and reinvigorating" the economic trans-

formation. The task will not be easy. After dismissing Mr. Klaus, Mr. Havel appointed the central bank governor, Josef Tosovsky, as prime minister, to lead the country toward early elections in June, and carry out some key re-

But already, Mr. Tosovsky has threatened to resign over the constant sniping at his government by Mr. Klaus, and it is still not clear if Mr. Klans and the opposition Social Demo-crats will be able to force early elecoons as they both hope.

Mr. Klaus and his supporters have turned to hlaming Mr. Havel's supposed lust for power for the nation's political instability.

Miroslav Macek, deputy leader of Mr. Klaus's Civic Democratic Party, says Mr. Havel has lost his right to be president of all-the Czechs because he has taken sides against Mr. Klaus. "He is like Richard III. He wants

power too much," said Mr. Macek,

comparing Mr. Havel to Shakespeare's power-mad English king. Mr. Macek, a translator of Shakespeare, has often been likened in the Czech press to lago, the scheming villain in "Othello." But Mr. Havel has thrown down a

gauntlet, telling his countrymen to love him or leave him alone. Before the presidential vote, he said, "I'm not clinging to my function." And he added: "I can imagine someone else being president and I even regret not having opponents with greater political support than those running against

For many Czechs, the current uncertainty has only underscored the need for a figure of internacional stature like Mr. Havel.

"He is a firm point in the political spectrum," said Mr. Lux, the Christian Democrat leader. "If Vaclav Havel had not been re-elected, many people abroad would have had doubts about our country, and we would begin to shift eastward." shift eastward."
And Daniel Kummerman, a com-

mentator for the daily newspaper Pravo, said: "The economic crisis and the finance scandals have discredited most of what Klaus stood for, and our only link to the November '89 era is Havel.''
He added: "Simply put, we need

West Lays Down Law On Bosnia's Currency

Ethnic Quarreling Over Design of Bills Spurs Spanish Envoy to Flex His Authority

By R. Jeffrey Smith

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina - In Bosnia, where even the smallest of national symbols can become snarled in the country's hitter ethnic quarrels, the appearance of a new currency has for months been the subject of particularly

heated controversy and disagreement.
On Tuesday, the West's top civilian official in Bosnia gave up trying to hroker an agreement among Bosnia's three elected presidents on the currency's design. He declared by fiat a design for a "national" currency to replace the different bank notes circulating in different regions here.

The step was a fresh sign of assert-iveness and impatience by Carlos Westendorp, a Spanish diplomat and the West's High Representative in Bosnia, who acted under authority he obtained last year to hasten civil reform and move toward re-creating a single oation from the nationalistic shards left by the war that ended in 1995.

Mr. Westendorp plans in the coming weeks to flex his authority even more, deciding on the design of a nadonal flag and license plate, as well as imposing new financial regulations, if Bosnia's Muslim, Croat and Serb leaders cannot

The new currency, to be known as the marka, is considered unlikely to dethrone the Deutsche mark as the central feature of every major private business transaction in Bosnia, United Nations officials said. But it will eventually play officials said. But it will eventually play a central role in all transactions conducted with the government, and it will have legal standing in the Muslim-Croat federation and Serb Republic, the two Bosnian entices created by the 1995 Dayton peace accord.

As a result, it is seen by many Western officials here as an important political symbol, meaning that the geographic walls erected during the war are slowly being breached.

"Politically, it's extremely important," said Rory O'Sullivan, director of the World Bank's mission here, He said

the World Bank's mission here. He said trade between the two poliocal entioes in the country is virtually nonexistent, due to efforts by each side to isolate its economic system from the other.

The issuance of a new currency also fulfills the first of a handful of key conditions set by the International Monetary Fund for making major loans to the Bosnian government. Those loans eventually will enable the government to pay the salaries of civil servants and thus increase its poliocal power, the officials said.

currency was imposed by Mr. West-endorp after the locally elected leaders could not agree among themselves dur-ing eight months of arduous negotigoons also makes it clear that Westernled efforts to dispel the wartime culture of separatism and re-create a single na-tional spirit still have a long way to go.

In fact, the currency he selected will be printed in two slightly different ver-sions for different parts of the country. Both series of notes will have Cyrillic and Latin lettering since Serbs and Croats use different alphabets. But one version, to be issued in the Bosnian-Croat federation, will feature leading historical and cultural figures who are either Muslim or Croat, while the second version, in be issued in the Serb Republic, will feature only famous Serbs, according to Mr. Westendorp's aides.

"This is Bosnia. It is the same as nowhere," a senior UN official said, when asked to explain why the notes will not be uniform. "It is not a perfect solution. But politically, it was not acceptable to have a single design. It is the best we could do for today."

Mr. Westendorp's authority to take such actions despite objections from one or more of Bosnia's three presidents grows out of an August meeting in Bonn by the group of nations overseeing imemediation of the Dayton accord.

The group gave him a broad mandate to settle policial and economic disputes if the politicians here missed a series of

White House Rejects Former Envoy's Charge Of Leaks to IRA

WASHINGTON — The White House has dismissed allegations by a former U.S. diplomat that Britain stopped giving Washington sensiove intelligence on Northern Ireland because the intelligence often was leaked to the Irish Republican Army.

In his memoirs about the strained relations between Washington and London in 1994, Raymond Seitz, the U.S. bassador to Britain from 1991 to 1994, wrote, "In this fractious atmosphere, London even stopped passing seositive intelligence to the White House because it often seemed to find its way to the IRA."

Mr. Seitz described the current U.S. ambassador to Ireland, Jean Kennedy Smith, as "an ardent IRA apologist, suggesting that the alleged leaks would have been through that avenue. He also said she became a "promotion agent" for Gerry Adams, head of the Sinn Fein, the IRA's poliocal wing.

The White House spokesman, Michael McCurry, defended Mrs. Smith on Tuesday, saying there was no substance to Mr. Seitz's allegations.

"I have no basis to believe that that's true and good reason to believe it's not

true," he said.
"I don't think there is anyone here who believes that's a charge that merits pursuing," he added. In later comments, however, Mr. Mc.

Curry left the door open to an inquiry. 'I did not mean to be cavalier about allegations of leaks of sensiove intelligence information," Mr. McCurry

said.
"Obviously, we take those matters seriously. And if it's proper to pursue those, they get pursued."
In Dublin, Mrs. Smith said Wednesday it was "unfortunate" that a former

American envoy to Britain bad said she favored the IRA.

"It is unfortunate that Mr. Seitz has chosen to personalize this," Mrs. Smith, a sister of Senator Edward Kennedy, said in a statement.

"Let the peace process talk for it-

Paris Official Calls for a Rethinking of Bonn Alliance

PARIS - The French-German al-

paper La Croix that Paris and Bonn, the driving forces behind Europe's integration drive, had strong differences on the context in general."

European Union's future enlargement, budget and institutions.
"I should add that the team in Bonn

has been in power for 16 years," be said, referring to Chancellor Helmut Kohl, who is seeking re-election this year.

"Whoever wins in September," be added, "there will be a need for a re-launch. This weighs out on the French-German context but on the European

cialist Party of Prime Minister Lionel Jospin, was also quoted as saying that relations with Germany were good and that senior officials met frequently. But there are strong differences of

Mr. Moscovici, a member of the So-

interest between the French and the Germans." he continued. Germany wanted to expand the EU

quickly toward Eastern Europe, with a small number of new members in the

first wave, while France wanted enlargement to be "a global and inclusive process," Mr. Moscovici said. On the EU's budget, he said to the paper: "They want to pay less and we do

not want to pay more. The minister said France also wants a

quick resumption in EU institutional reforms, which stalled at the summit meeting in June in Amsterdam when Germany blocked majority voting in certain areas

Swiss Break Swindling Ring

ZURICH - The Swiss police said Wednesday that they had broken up a swindling ring that had cheated 300

The Associated Press

German investors. Two Swiss nationals were arrested on charges of fraud and forgery, hut

the alleged German ringleader had fled, the police said.

Investors lost about 22 million francs (\$14.7 million), the police said. has been recovered. The investors were persuaded to put funds in a fictitious firm called the

of which fewer than 3 million francs

Federal Association of American Banks. They were told the money would be channeled into U.S. banks with state guarantees against losses. An investor realized that the firm did not belong to any official U.S. investment body and alerted the police.

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French Pupils Got Vaccine Overdose

PARIS - France's health minister acknowledged Wednesday that 175,000 schoolchildren had been given an excessive dose of Hepatitis B vaccine in 1995, but said that only a small number suffered limited side

At a hastily called news conference after a Paris newspaper disclosed the incident Wednesday, Health Minister Bernard Kouchner sought in down-play another potential blow to France's health system.
The system was badly shaken earli-

er in the decade by scandals over hormones and AIDS-tainted blood, and a newspaper, Le Parisien, asserted that the government had again covered up an error by failing to alert parents of the vaccine overdose.

Days after the free Hepatitis B inoculations in November 1995, a number of children suffered adverse effects including vomiting, hlacking out, stomach aches and headaches, Le Parisien reported.

Health officials recalled the vaccine, which was distributed only in the Paris region, and determined that it was too strong for the 1I-year-old children who received it, the paper continued. Officials decided to stop injecting the children with the vaccine, but the Ministry of National Education never informed parents of the vac-

cinated children, the paper said.

Mr. Kouchner said the reactions had not been serious enough to issue a warning. "It dido't justify notifying 175,000 families," he said. "The vaccine was withdrawn right away, and the injected dose was cut in half." (AP)

Yeltsin Candidacy Is Hinted by Aide

MOSCOW - President Boris Yeltsin might run for a third term in 2000 despite his previous rejection of the move and questions about his health, a Russian government official

indicated Wednesday.

'The prospect of Boris Yeltsin's participation in new elections exists, and it's one of the stabilizing factors for our society," said the first deputy prime minister, Boris Nemtsov.

Russia's post-Soviet constitution limits the president to two terms in office. But aides have argued that Mr. Yeltsin's first term as president may not count toward the limit because he was elected the first time under the old constitution. Election officials say

the decision would have to be made hy the Constitutional Court. (AP)

U.S. Priest in Milan Found Murdered

MILAN — An American priest was found slain Wednesday in his apartment adjacent to his church, the Milan police said.

They identified the victim as the

Reverend Gregory Steven Beheydt, 50, who served at the Anglican-Episcopal Church of All Saints in Milan. A police official, Ginseppe De Anlis, said the victim was from Michigan and had lived in Milan

Turkish Cypriots Protest on Visa

since August.

NICOSIA - The Turkish Cypriot government threatened Wednesday not to cooperate with British efforts to seek a solution to the Cyprus dispute after London announced that it would require visas from Turkish Cypriot

"They are discriminating against us," said Taner Etkin, foreign and defense minister in the Turkish Cypriot cabinet. "Britain has lost its mpartiality in the Cyprus issue."

Cyprus has been divided since Tur-

island in 1974 to protect the Turkish Cypriot minority following an abortive coup by Greek Cypriots who supported union with Greece. The Turkish Cypriots declared an independent state in 1983, but this is recognized only by Turkey, which stations an estimated 30,000 troops in

key invaded the northern third of the

Britain ordered visas on the holders of Turkish Cypriot travel documents this week on the grounds that there had been a surge in the number of asylum-seekers with unfounded claims.

the north.

Romanian Gamble

BUCHAREST - Prime Minister Victor Ciorbea of Romania on Wednesday staked his coalition government's survival on a confidence vote over a controversial privatization law.

Any group wishing to topple the government has three days to file a censure motion on the issue. Of the 363 deputies and senators meeting in emergency session, 265 agreed with the agenda which allowed Mr. Ciorbea to ask for a confidence vote on the privatization law.



RESISTING EXPULSION - A group of about 20 Kurds sitting in the Antoniter Church in Cologne on Wednesday. They took sanctuary when the German government rejected their plea against deportation to Turkey.

liance is burdened by disagreements and needs to be rethought after the general election in Germany this year, the French

minister for Europe, Pierre Moscovici, was quoted Wednesday as saying. Mr. Moscovici told the daily news-

Pierre Boulat Is Dead at 73 The Associated Press PARIS - Pierre Boulat, 73, a pho-

tojournalist who in 23 years at Life magazine produced portraits of countless celebrities, died Jan. 11 in Nemours, France, Le Monde reported. Mr. Boulat began his long career with Life in 1953, when the magazine published his picture of a tornado hovering over Paris. With an orange filter, it

looked like a nuclear nightmare.

subjects were the first French tourists in the Soviet Union in 1955; a devastated Port Said after bombings of the Suez Canal in 1956; a study of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point; the Algerian war, and the filming of Stanley Kubrick's "2001, A Space Odyssey." He also chronicled 30 years of Yves Saint Laurent creations.

In 1973 he became an independent photographer and his work appeared in Among, Mr. Boulat's well-known many well known magazines.

INTERNATIONAL

Ex-Intern Just a Face in the Crowd

to the White House. A spokeswoman for lationship. Lewis & Clark, Ms. Lewinsky's alma What is clor's degree in psychology, was not an honors student and was not known for any particular interest or activity.

WASHINGTON — Monica Lewinsky was an unpaid White House intern in 1995 when she began the career that landed her in a new controversy inlanded her in a new controversy inlanded by the president to lie if attorness.

Any anonymity she enjoyed at school, white House chief of staff and six months latez, in December 1995, moved to a paid position handling correspondence in the Office of Legislative Affairs.

In April 1996, she moved to the December 1996, she moved to the D landed her in a new controversy involving President Bill Clinton.

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> What is known about the woman bepublic records and colleagues.

the office of Leon Panetta when he was Nixon's downfall.

post at a salary of \$32,736.

Until late last year, she listed her building and hotel that was the scene of Ms. Lewinsky worked without pay in the break-in that led to President Richard

CLINTON: President Denies He Influenced Former Intern to Lie

ted by the president's lawyers and approved by Mr. Clinton.

A three-judge appeals court panel authorized Mr. Starr on Friday to examine allegations of suborning perjury, false statements and obstruction of justice involving the president, The Washington

Post reported, quoting sources.

It said that Mr. Starr had asked the Justice Department to forward the re-

insky on how to testify in the Jones case.
"I did not do that," Mr. Clinton said. "I did not do that."

He said that Mr. Jordan "is in no way involved in trying to get anybody to say anything that is not true at my request." 'I didn't do that," the president

said. Mr. Clinton promised to cooperate with Mr. Starr's inquiry.

The president has survived many allegations in the past and emerged with his popularity intact. The new accusations, however, introduce the power of a aged the life of a youngster." criminal investigation.

'It sounds very serious," said Susan Low Bloch, a law professor at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.
"If Starr can now go after Clinton for perjury, it makes the Paula Jooes thing look trivial hy comparison."

Representative Hyde was asked whether the case could lead to impeach-

whether the case could lead to impeachment proceedings against the president.

While noting on CNN that oothing had been proved, he added of Mr. Starr:

"If he verifies the authenticity of these charges, impeachment might very well be an option, because subornation of perjury and tampering with witnesses, obstruction of justice are very, very serious charges."

Ms. Lewinsky, who left the White House job for a Pentagon position, is scheduled to be questioned Friday by lawyers for Mrs. Jones. They hope to establish a pattern of improper sexual

advances by Mr. Clinton. It was not clear how the current revelations might affect the Jones case, parncularly if Ms. Lewinsky maintains her denial. She might, lawyers noted, assert that her comments on any recording were taken oot of context or that she fabricated parts of the story.

would be alleged comments on the tapes that both Mr. Clinton and Mr. Jordan had

TAIWAN: Firms Hunt Bargains

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"The significance now is that the buying opportunities arrive sooner rather than later."

Taiwan's business push into the region coincides with a series of high-level political visits to Asian countries by Taiwan officials eager to win new friends with generous offers of aid. With one of the world's largest holdings of foreign-exchange reserves — about \$90 hillion — and low external debt, Taiwan has been less affected than other countries by the regional crisis and is in a position to

assist in the bailout of those hardest hit. In recent weeks, Vice President Lien Chan of Taiwan made a highly publicized four-day trip to Singapore, where he was greeted at the airport by Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong and dined at suggesting there was then no master plan. the Raffles hotel with Lee Kuan Yew, Singapore's elder statesman.

The prime minister, Vincent Siew, has been chatting with regional leaders on their "stopovers" in Taiwan, and Mr. Siew himself visited Manila last week and Jakarta this week for high-level talks about ways Taiwan could help in the current crisis. In addition, a 70-member

to the Taiwan overtures to the region, reminding countries that have relations with China that they should not hold official high-level talks with representatives of the Taiwan government.

'We are resolutely opposed to any form of official contacts with Taiwan by countries having diplomatic relations with Chins." Shen Guofang, the Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman, said at a

news briefing in Beijing this week.
On the commercial side, though, Chinese companies also seem to be doing their own regional bargain-hunting. For example, Bank of China was said to be interested in purchasing parts of the nowdefunct Hong Kong investment house mit is a 'de facto moratorium.' Peregrine Investments Holdings Ltd.

mater in Oregon, said she took her bach- hind the news stories is called from home as the Watergate, the apartment

Continued from Page 1 asked Ms. Lewinsky not to talk about the

purported affair.
Such tapings would not constitute entrapment, lawyers said, because Ms. Tripp was a willing party, which is sufficient to make the tapings legal in Virginia, where they reportedly occurred, and Ms. Lewinsky is oot charged with or months suspected of any crime.

But the tapes might allow Mr. Starr to press her, under threat of a perjury in-dictment, to explain her affidavit deny-

quest to the panel and that Attorney General Janet Reno had quickly complied.

Mr. Clinton, in his PBS interview, which had been scheduled before the latest episode erupted, also denied that he had asked Mr. Jordan to coach Ms. Lewinsky on how to testify in the Jones case.

Mr. Clinton.

William Ginshurg, a Los Angeles attorney who said he has long represented Ms. Lewinsky's family, would not confirm or deny the allegations, although he said of her that "at this time, she stands by her declaration" made to Mrs.

Jones's lawyers. He described Ms. Lewinsky and Ms. Tripp as friends, at least during the time they worked together at the White House and Pentagon.

But he did not flatly deny the allegations regarding Mr. Clinton.
"If he did have a sexual relationship

with a 23-year-old intern, I question his judgment, 'Mr. Ginsburg told the Los Angeles Times. 'If he didn't, then I Mr. Starr was originally mandated to

Mr. Ginsburg did confirm that Mr. Jordan, who is considered one of the most powerful of Washington insiders, had intervened to help Ms. Lewinsky find an internship with a New York former White House employees.

public-relations firm, a position she was Mr. Zeldin and others noted that even set to take up soon. She left her position if Mr. Clinton had had a relationship as a public affairs assistant in the with Ms. Lewinsky, there would have

Pentagon a few weeks ago.

Mr. Ginsburg said he had had several discussions with Mr. Starr's staff. In a general way, he said, "Of course I'm concerned about an indictment." afternion and intervention. The alleged charges of pering would have come u

Ms. Lewinsky went to work in the White House in 1995. Later, at the Pentagon, she worked in the same office as Ms. Tripp, who had moved there from her administrative position in the White

Ms. Tripp made the tapes over recent months, sources told The Post. In a recent conversation, Ms. Lew-insky is alleged to have said that Mr. Clinton and Mr. Jordan had told her to

testify falsely in the Jones case.

To some extent, said Ms. Bloch, the Georgetown law professor, the tapes could represent a case of "his word against the same than the same testing that the same testing testing testing testing testing the same testing testing

Investigators, however, could seek independent confirmation of the charges by studying White House logs to see if she visited or called Mr. Clinton and phone company records to see if Mr. Jordan had called her.

Mr. Starr's role in the taping was challenged by several legal analysts. 'He is seeking affirmatively to expand his mandate into an area that tran-scends his Whitewater obligations,"

Angeles Times. "If he didn't, then I think Keo Starr and his crew have ravaged the life of a waynester."

Mr. Starr was originally mandated to investigate the Whitewater real-estate affair in Arkansas, Mr. Clinton's home state, but expanded the inquiry gradually to cover the firing of employees of the White House travel office and the col-lection of FBI hackground files on

with Ms. Lewinsky, there would have been nothing illegal about it and pre-sumably nothing to draw Mr. Starr's

The alleged charges of witness-tam-pering would have come up only later.

BRIEFLY



French riot policemen evicting an unemployed activist Wednesday from a government office in Paris. About 200 demonstrators held a sit-in.

Jospin Promises to Link Jobless Aid to Inflation

The statements appeared to be a soften-ing of the hard line the prime minister took in remarks to the National Assembly on Tuesday in which he seemed to rule out fresh increases in johless benefits despite six weeks of protests by the unemployed.

"I will do what is necessary to bring

jobless benefits, which have oot been re-vised since 1994, in line with price increases, and this will be done in its entirety and retroactively," Mr. Jospin said in a broadcast interview. (Reuters)

Hutu Rebels Kill 45 In 2 Burundi Attacks

BUJUMBURA, Burundi — Hutu rebels have killed 45 people, all but one of them civilians, in two separate attacks in the past 48 hours, an army spokesman said Wednesday. Colonel Isaie Nibizi said National Lib-

eration Front rebels from the armed wing of the Palipehntn party killed 32 civilians Monday night in a seulement in oorthwest Burundi, He said an additional 13 people, including a government soldier, were killed in a six-hour attack Tuesday in rural Ru-PARIS—France's Socialist prime minister, Lionel Jospin, under pressure to increase aid to the unemployed, vowed Wednesday to link unemployment benefits to Bujumbura. It was not clear which rebeligroup carried out the second attack.

Since the beginning of the year, rebels seeking to oust the military government of President Pierre Buyoya, who seized power resident to the service of the

Guatemalan Envoy Visits Victims' College

ST. MARY'S CITY, Maryland - The Guatemalan ambassador to the United States, Pedro Lamport, visited St. Mary's College on Tuesday to express concern over the rape of five students who were on a

study tour of the Central American nation.

'This is just one of those unfortunate happenings," Mr. Lamport said.

Four suspects have been arrested in connection with the attack Friday, in which 16 students and teachers on a bus tour also

IRAQ: Call Rejected

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"Enough is enough," Mr. Aziz said at a news conference Wednesday night, call. ing the inspections 'espio-nage not disarmament.'

There is no practical rea-

soo to continue this game," he said.

"Does it make sense," Mr. Aziz asked, "that Iraq should conceal deadly weapons like VX and anthrax in sites where the head of state and the lead. ership of Iraq stay, work, sleep, eat and rest? Does it make sense?"

Mr. Butler said at his news conference earlier that the Iraqi proposal "flies in the face" of Security Council demands to open all suspect sites to inspection without conditions.

"I cannot predict what the council will make of that," he

Mr. Butler, who is to report to the Security Council on Friday in New York, said that Mr. Aziz replied that he would "take his chances."

A terse Mr. Butler said that he had told Mr. Aziz: "I've been sent here to tell you that the council's requirement is unconditional access. The freeze that you propose flies in the face of that requirement. Are you hearing me? He said, yes, he was."

Mr. Butler said that technical meetings to evaluate the progress on ending Iraq's production of special missile warheads for biological and chemical weapons as well as Baghdad's VX nerve gas program would begin here on Feb. 1. Shortly thereafter, a technical review of Iraq's en-tire biological weapons sys-

tem would begin.

"We are going to explain our case to real experts, not cops," Mr. Aziz said Wednesday night, comparing the stechnical teams with the long-standing UN inspection system. Apart from again accusing inspectors of working for the Central Intelligence Agency and the Pentagon, he accused them of procrastin-ating to further their incomes and reputations.

The new technical evalu-

Security Couocil members.

Cook of Britain on Wednesday rejected the Iraqi call for a freeze on inspections and said his country could oot rule out military action in response to Iraqi defiance. "With every passing day, Saddam Hussein cootinues to expand his arsaid in remarks quoted by

KING: French Royalists Keep the Flame Alive, and Commemorate a Famous Beheading

m me amdavit that Ms. Lewinsky gave Jan. 7 in connection with the Jones case, she denied having had an affair with Mr. Clinton, according to sources quoted by The Post.

The split began in 1830, 16 years after the younger man divorced his hlue-blooded wife and married a commoner in 1984.

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The last French Bourbon heir, the Count of Chambord, died in 1883, and the Orleans branch of the family, according to experts in such matters, could rightfully claim the French crown if France ever decided to restore the monarchy again. Bourbon loyalists counter with a claim for Prince Louis of Spain, a descendant of the grandson of

Mr. McCurry, asked in a long and stormy news briefing whether Mr. Clinton-would cooperate with a possible. French kings were brief for kings were brief for least impeachment investigation, replicit years.

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quenters of places like the Jockey Club, a ep-carpeted refuge off the Avenue Matignoo so discreet that it does not even have a name plate oo the door.

It is also so exclusive that it will accept as members only people who acquired their titles before the French Revolotion. But it turned down an application from the Count of Clermont in 1994, reportedly because France's Louis XIV who founded the Spanhis ancestor the Duke of Orleans had been

ed a commoner in 1984.

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often attracts royalists to its rallies. But the Count of Paris, while saying that monarchy could unite the fractious French in these self-doubting times more effectively than squabbling political parties, says people are wrong to associate him with Mr. Le Pen.

"Lepenists are for the most part frustrated monarchists who keep saying 'All we have to do is — , ''he said recently. Some argue that France does not need to restore the monarchy because it already has

President Jacques Chirac brought an unpretentious middle-class normality to the office, inviting hundreds of young people

to the presidential palace every July 14 for the Bastille Day party.

To invite the Count of Paris to a Paris dinner requires submissioo to stiff standards of protocol few ordinary mortals can meet, according to one who tried. "You have to submit the menu and the guest list senal of biological and chemtwo weeks in advance," the would-be host ical weapons." Mr. Cook said. "He doesn't have the common touch

of more immediate legal concern NAZI: Historians Seek Written Proof of Hitler Role in Holocaust

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At the same time, some historians say, Mr. Gerlach's theory would suggest that Hitler did not occessarily enter the war in 1939 intent on the destruction of the Jews, as it later evolved. And it would broaden the previous understanding of the Wannsee conference, casting its agenda as going beyond the creation of a ueprint for genocide.

The open question of the 'treatment' of German Jews was one of the aims of the Wannsee conference," Mr. Gerlach

instance, Mr. Breitman, of American University in Washington, said newly discovered documents from the National Archives showed that as early as July 1941, after the German invasion of the Soviet Union, Jews were being systematically massacred, suggesting that a decision on the Holocaust was made earlier. But Mr. Gerlach argued that the be-

bavior of the German authorities toward Jews in occupied countries was uneven,

(History Workshop), Mr. Gerlach wrote clude German Jews in the Holocaust had been made months earlier.

At the same time, the discovery of the yet been made," even though thousands of German Jews had been deported to concentration camps, some had been whelming lack of documented evidence killed and Soviet Jews were already be-

ing methodically massacred. On Dec. 18, 1941, however, Mr. Gerlach argued, Himmler met with Hitler and later noted that the discussion had covered "the Jewish question/to be ex-terminated as partisans," according to a document found in Soviet archives.

Taken together with other documents, His thesis seems to conflict with other Mr. Gerlach asserted, the notation sig-historical versions. In November 1996, for nified that Hitler had arrived at a "global sense" of Jewish annihilation and had announced his decision to a secret meeting of 50 Nazi Party loyalists on Dec. 12, 1941—a day after his declaration of war on the United States.

in the decision-making process for the murder of European Jews," he wrote. But some historians believe that Himmler's remarks could have alluded to the way Hitler wanted to publicly In a 44-page article in the latest issue depict the systematic killing of Jews. of the journal Werkstatt Geschichte Others maintain that the decision to in-

Himmler note in the Soviet archive is

seen as significant because of the overconnecting Hitler to the Holocaust.
"Hitler's style seems to have been to do as much of the dirty work as possible through oral communications," said Mr. Breitman, author of a 1991 study of

Himmler's role in the Holocaust "The Architect of Genocide: Himmler and the Final Solution." He spoke in a telephone interview from Washington.
"This is an important find and Gerlach and his colleagues are to be commended on their research and discovery," Mr. Breitman said. "But the jury is still out on the exact interpretation of this meeting," he added, about the en-

counter between Himmler and Hitler. "The fundamental decision of Mr. Gerlach, an independent research-December 1941 is a central, missing link er at a center at the very Wannsee villa where the January 1942 conference was held, was not available to comment.

Mr. Mommsen, of Bochum University, dismissed the meeting on Dec. 12, 1941, as a routine affair, "Hitler gave one of his usual speeches," he said.
"It was nothing special."

Israeli Confined Over Pig Head

The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — A Jewish extremist charged with sedition for allegedly plotting to throw a pig's head into Jerusalem's holiest Muslim shrine

during prayers was ordered Wednesday to be placed under house arrest.

Avigdor Eskin will be restricted to his home in Jerusalem as of Sunday and must pay \$140,000 bail, a district court judge ruled. However, he will be permitted to travel abroad for husiness

The state attorney submitted an appeal to overturn the ruling to the Supreme Court later Wednesday, the

Justice Ministry said. Mr. Eskin and Haim Peckovich are charged with planning to incite violence hy throwing a pig's head into the Al Aqsa mosque compound during prayers for Ramadan, the Islamic holy fasting month, which began Dec. 30 Mr. Peckovich will remain in custody until the end of the trial, Israeli media

MIDEAST: Talks Focus on Troop Pullout Continued from Page 1

be closed in a night," one official said.

Mr. Netanyahu was also expected to have a final meeting with Mrs. Albright at the airport before he left Wednesday. Israeli officials said, after her first conversation with Mr. Arafat.

U.S. officials were reluctant to discuss too many details of the proposals, which Mr. Clinton wants to present to Mr. Arafat when they meet Thursday. Mr. Arafat will be under considerable pressure to go along with the main thrust of the proposals, hat is expected to push hard for a larger Israeli withdrawal before agreeing to enter final-status talks.

In the interview, Mr. Netanyaho said he and Mr. Clinton had "cleared the air" over mutual charges of snobs and disrespect, which included the prime minister's meeting, as soon as he arrived in Washington on Monday, with Christian fundamentalists such as the Reverend Jerry Falwell, who are fierce political opponents of Mr. Clinton.

"We went to great pains to remove any vestiges of what the president called 'debris' of personal antagonism," Mr. Netanyahu said. "He distanced himself from some of these things, and Clinton went beyond that to try to reestablish a personal rapport again. My response was one word: Sure.

The single most important idea is to try to get to a permanent settlement," Mr. Netanyaho said in the interview. That is where the bold and imaginative moves can be made by all sides, including an important contribution by the Americans.

When the clear benefit of an overall met with Mr. Falwell.

peace is in sight," he continued, "that justifies uncooventional steps, and it justifies drawing on significant political capital, certainly of my own and I think

of Arafat as well." But to get there, he said, "we have to go through an interim step that strains our respective constituencies for no

clear or apparent reason."

The Palestinians quickly point out that the reason is obvious: Israel's signing of the Oslo Accords that call for three interim withdrawals, and of the Hebron Accords that had set the date for them.

Christian Right Backs Israel Mr. Falwell has said that he and sev-

eral leaders of the Southern Baptist Convention told Mr. Netanyahu that they would mobilize evangelical churches to oppose steps to give up any more ter-ritory to the Palestinians, The New York

Times reported. "There are about 200,000 evangelical pastors in America," he said Tuesday. and we're asking them all through & mail, faxes, letters, telephone, to go into their pulpits and use their influence in support of the state of Israel and the prime minister.'

Mr. Netanyahu, who met with the evangelical leaders in Washington on Monday, is tapping a vein of support among evangelical Christians at a time when Israel is under pressure from the White House to break an impasse in the peace efforts.

But in courting conservative Christians, he has appareouly angered President Clinton, who was said to have been outraged to hear that Mr. Netanyahu had

Continued from Page 1 said Wednesday, adding that banks were be worked out. Francis Lutz, the local This in state of the problem is the free-fall in the Indonesian rupiah, which so far, Beijing has reacted cautiously unable to press claims in court because representative of Toronto Dominion of "the bankruptcy laws in Indonesia -Bank and president of the Foreign or rather, the lack of them."

of the nation's companies to meet their

obligations when payments come due. The rupiah plunged anew Wednesday, with the dollar rising to 11,600 rupiah, from 10,150 rupiah on Tuesday, bringing the rupiah's loss in value to nearly 80 percent over the last six months. For the numerous Indonesian companies that borrowed dollars from foreign banks in

has been increased four- or five-fold. Many Indonesian companies are simply telling banks that they cannot pay oo time, and the lenders have little choice in most cases but to roll over the debts, producing what some bankers ad-

"What are you going to do? It's blood

recent years, that means their debt burden

RUPIAH: Jakarta and Financiers Try to Restructure Firms' Debts from a stone," a Jakarta-based banker debt and restructuring packages would

When the debtor is an Indonesian bank, foreign banks have been pressing hard for repayment and getting at least istry of Finance" on the proposal some of what they are owed on time, "It is important for the Indonesian bankers said.

But many industrial and service companies cannot afford to pay at all at current exchange rates, and foreign banks have been scrambling to figure out how best to collect what they are owed. That involves a number of difficult calculations, such as whether a borrower's business looks like it will survive in the tion. long term and how much subsidiaries or the parent company owe to other banks. Under one plan being discussed at

high levels, the largest 50 or so In-

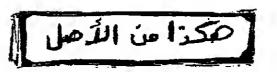
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Bankers Association in Jakarta, said, "Conversations are occurring with the Bank of Indonesia as well as the Min-

government and monetary anthorities to accelerate their efforts to stem the crisis of confidence," he said. "Without that, it will make it much more difficult for Indonesia to seek an economic solution without a debt moratorium." But others said the problem might prove too chaone for an organized solu-

"I don't think the aothorities have an accurate picture of what the debt is in total," one banker said. "And if you doo't know, how can you restructure it? My feeling is, they will have to call a morsubmit information about all of their atorium to find out who's got what.'

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Turkish Democracy?

Democracy advocates cannot fail to be troubled by Turkey's closing down of the Welfare Party. It is not simply that Welfare won the 1995 elections fairly, and in office confirmed its goodgovernment credentials. Its closedown invites a deepening of turmoil in Turkey and a turn to undemocratic conduct by partisans of the banned party. The act underlines the embarrassing anomaly of Turkey's membership in NATO, an American-led military alliance of supposedly unalloyed democracies. It does this precisely at the moment when the Turks' sagging application to the European Union urgently needs democratic boosting.

The explanation that comes from Ankara is that Turkey is different. It has a constitution setting forth the modern Turkish state's secularisi origins and a military establishment committed to enforcing that constitution to the letter. On this basis, the country's consolutional court determined that certain statements by Welfare officials, statements that Americans might find provocative but not in themselves

democracy, undermined Turkey's secular order. The military's fear of militant Islam had been evident and growing. The abolioon of Welfare and the hanning of its top leadership became only a matter of time.

There are now suggestions that, a caution having been sounded, a new Islamist party will be hatched with the same program and the same constituency and even some of the same leaders operating behind the scenes. The claim will be that the Turkish military's wink permits the necessary combination of firmness and flexibility and ensures political space to all who deserve it. But this is a pretty cynical way to transact politics.

The hurden is on the Turkish military and its supporters to demonstrate why they do not hold free and fair elections and respect the results. Tough competition by the other parties, not arbitrary military censure, is the right approach to Islam's polit-

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

Arafat Should See It

The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum has ded itself up in knots deciding whether to invite Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. First he was invited to tour the museum; then the invitation was effectively rescinded: then the tour seemed to be back on. The museum board's executive committee was scheduled to meet this Wednesday

to make a final decision. It is not exactly hard to understand the impulse to rehuff Mr. Arafat, given his association with and effective sponsorship of terrorism against Jews, and with a policy favoring the annihilation of Israel. For those who doubt the sincerity of Mr. Arafat's conversion to the ways of peace, the possibility of his using such a visit for his own public relations purposes under-

The fact that Mr. Arafat did not iniliate this episode but was respond-, ing to suggestions from U.S. officials who see the visit as a way to spur the

cions of it as a cosmetic exercise. And, as Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu pointed out on Tuesday, Mr. Arafal's offenses do not lie only in the past; there is "the unfortunate habit of the controlled Palestinian press to both deny the Holocaust and denigrate it by casting

aspersions on Israel as a Nazi state." But you do not have to be neutral on the subject of Mr. Arafat to believe, as we do, that the museum would be making a mistake hy turning him away

who qualifies to visit this museum. The Holocaust museum is founded on the idea that the Nazis' crimes must not be forgotten, that the only conceivable monument to those who died in the Holocaust is an unending effort to compel people to face the truth about what happened to them, and that in recalling and repeating and seeking to understand this evil lies at least some faint hope of preventing its return. To exclude anyone from a confrontation with this history is to undercut that mission.

Holocaust is unique and particular, and the museum is dedicated to that truth. But genocide, hatred and prejudice have not been unique in this century, nor before, and the museum, through its programs and exhibits, has dedicated itself to exploring that truth as well. Very few people tour it and come away unmoved and unchanged. Perhaps Mr. Arafat would be one of those rare exceptions. But what would be lost

Step by Step, Preventing Destruction of Bosnia

Sanday, in a coohlestoned square in the middle of a city that was not long ago a killing zone, two very young children were feeding corn to the pigeons. Across the street, workmen were putting a new tile roof on a house that was last year a shelled ruin.

On the corner of the square, in the Seraj bakery, chairs were filled with couples and teenagers, and shelves were filled with éclairs and cream puffs. A tram painted the color of lemon custard rattled by.

This scene of the quotidian good life

was supposed to never happen For years now, the defining myth about Bosnia has been that everything bad that happened there was inevitable. The crack-up of Yugoslavia was in-evitable, and it would inevitably lead to civil war because the Orthodox Serbs. Muslim Bosnians and Catholic Croats of the unnatural state of Yugoslavia were filled with ancient hatred for each other. This war must sooner or later cause the destruction of Bosnia.

That was all malignant nonsense, yet even now, as Sarajevo rebuilds, the myth persists. The people who saw in Bosnia's future only a widening gyre see only that still. They were wrong and

By Michael Kelly

chance to avoid it came, with little notice, at about 3 o'clock last Sunday morning, when the Parliament of Bosnia's Serb entity, the Republika Srpska, voted to form a new government.

The Bosnian Serbs' new prime minister is Milorad Dodik, leader of a pro-Dayton party called the Independent Social Democrats. He is the nominee of Biljana Playsic, who was elected president of the Republika Srpska last year in opposition to the hard-line nationalists, who are led by Morneilo Krajis-nik and loyal to the indicted war criminal Radovan Karadzic.

Mrs. Playsic is herself a nationalist, but she has grudgingly committed her-self to abiding hy Dayton, which calls for, among other things, the arrest of war criminals like Mr. Karadzic.

Mr. Dodik goes a good deal further. In an election-night speech, he pledged that his government would strictly implement the Dayton accords. He also promised to end state corruption, establish a free press and remove the Serbian Orthodox Church from polities. If he is serious, he offers the potential for an integrated Bosnia and a

guile and America's helping hand.

Democrats and their allies, who control ternational loan, \$65 million. 39 of the 83 seats, and the speaker's 41 other Playsic moderates.

That left the moderates one vote shy of a majority, since Mr. Dodik was and the west, and of new fighting. barred from voting for himself. The missing vote was held by a member who had left early to drive to Zagreb. Enter-America, in the large, remoted and very determined form of Jacques Klein.

Mr. Klein, a career State Department official and a major general in the Air Force Reserves, is the deputy high representative for Bosnia-Herzegovina. He is also a force of nature.

When he heard about Mr. Dodik's situation, he asked NATO troops to intercept the missing delegate on the road and return him to Parliament. Now holding a one-vote majority, Mr. Dodik's supporters reconvened the Parliament and voted in the new government while Mr. Krajisnik's forces slept.

In the hours following, Mr. Klein asked NATO to take control of key they are wrong.

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It is not at all a good bet that he will.
He won the prime minister's seat only

Serbian ministry buildings to stop the
Krajisnik loyalists from destroying files,
and to increase patrols in the eastern half

by the slimmest margin, and only of Serbian-held Bosnia, where the through a rare combination of luck; Karadzic forces hold sway. He also succuile and America's kalada and Rank to cessfully importuned the World Bank to Mr. Krajisnik's hard-line Social give the Republika Srpska its first in-

These were vital steps, but they are chair, had adjourned the Parliament not enough. The parties loyal to Mr. late Saturday night, and had left the Karadzic and hostile to peace have building in the hands of Mr. Dodik and already vowed to defy the nascent government. There is a real danger of " Republika Srpska split between the east

But there is also a real chance here. One who grasps this is Slobodan Milosevic, president of the Serbian Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the man whose lust for a greater Serhia fueled the destruction of Yugoslavia and the assault on Bosnia, On Monday, he told a visiting Bob Dole that he believed Mr. Dodik's government would "cooperate completely" in the peace process, and

that he supported this.

Another who understands is Jacques Klein. Wolfing down a four-minute lunch on Sunday afternoon, in a café a block from the children and the pigeons, he paused to contemplate the moment. "This is our great opportunity to break the back of the danger here," he said.
"It is unthinkable that we fail to act."

History is changed for better or worse hy individuals who do what it takes to defeat the inevitable. Washington Post Writers Group

standahly seemed too much to bear.

peace process only heightens suspi-

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The suffering of the Jews in the

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

When Making Peace, You Don't Choose the Adversary

WASHINGTON—Is this a tempest in a teapot, stirred by a publicity-seeking, morally unrepentant and bloodstained Palestinian guerrilla

leader? Yes, absolutely. Or is Mr. Arafat's desire to visit ground dedicated to the victims of the world's most appalling genocide an important symbolic opening in the wall of hostility between Arab and Jew that should be pursued to advance peace? Yes, positively.

Both things are true. Far more often than we acknowledge, two seemingly contradictory or exclusive facts or views both contain high degrees of truth or probability.

The flaplet over Mr. Arafat's plan to visit the Holocaust Memorial Museum is a sideshow to President Bill Clinton's meetings this week with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and with Mr. Arafat. But the incident, which mixes

By Jim Hoagland protocol and passion, reflects and other Jewish community the broad lines of a deadlock in Middle East peace negotiations that Mr. Clinton has been un-

able, and unwilling, to break. It started with one of those well-meaning but politically tone-deaf initiatives that frustrated American diplomats hatch when Israel is being obdurate and the Palestinians are trying to

wriggle out of promises.
Wouldn't it be swell if Mr. Arafat could drop by the musenm, an aide said to the administration's Peacemeister, Dennis Ross. Swell, said Mr. Ross, and soon Miles Lerman, chairman of the Holocaust Memorial Council, had issued the officially inspired invitation.

Swell, said Mr. Arafat's handlers, as long as the chairman gets his usual VIP protocol treatment. Unswell said mpseum Director Walter Reich

leaders, comparing formally inviting Mr. Arafat to embracing Hiller. Mr. Lerman withdrew the invitation, then under countervailing pressure offered to escort Mr. Arafat around the museum personally.

Whatever the final decision, the brouhaha underscores the necessary ambivalence that goes into peacemaking. It is this sense of ambivalence that is missing from the approach of Mr. Netanyahu, the man who now holds the key to peace.

There is a strong case to be made against honoring Mr. Arafat with an invitation to the Holocaust museum. He has participated in the planning of terror outrages against Israelis and Americans, is notoriously unreliable in keeping his word, and was repudiated even hy other Arab leaders for supportseum would seem like less of a publicity stunt if Mr. Arafat had made a journey to the Yad Vashem memorial in Jerusalem or to the other Holocaust museums and memorials in Israel.

He has not done so, even though the Yad Vashern director, Avner Shalev, told The Associated Press on Sunday: "We would be honored to host him." Mr. Shalev and three other Israeli Holocaust memorial officials were quoted as approving the Washington museum visit. Their attitude seems to me to

echo an answer that the late Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin gave me near the start of public Israeli-Palestinian negocations when I asked him how he could bring himself to accept solemn undertakings from Mr. Arafat.

We cannot choose the people with whom we must make

ing Iraq during the Gulf War. familiar sardonic smile. The A visit to the Holocaust mn-Palestinians have not chosen angels to lead them.

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On balance, that view has to prevail on matters ceremonial and substanove. It is hard to believe that a visit to Yad Vashem or the Holocaust museum in Washington, could leave anyone unmoved or unenlightened. Mr. Arafat would have to pay homage to the victims of one of history's greatest crimes. He could not fail to learn, or to inspire others.

Mr. Netanyahu's unrelentingly confrontational actions cumulatively undercut his chances to make a deal that can last. He needs in words and deeds to reflect Mr. Rabin's profound thought: Peace has to walk on two feet, remembering the past hut not blocking the future. Perhaps more than anyone Mr. Arafat needs to see all the Holocaust memorials of the world.

Risky Trips Abroad

The rape of five American college its students requires further investistudents on a winter break study trip in gadon. St. Mary's officials say they Guaternala is a nightmare and a informed students of the risks, but it is tragedy. It is also a warning that for- unclear whether the warnings were eign trips must be careful eliminate unnecessary risks, and it is not yet clear whether the sponsoring college did so. But the assault is not a reason to cut back on schools' foreign

study programs.

The victims were students at St. Mary's College, a small liberal arts school in Maryland. They were on the last day of a 17-day trip to study the history, culture and ecology of the Peten. a Mayan region in Guatemala's north. The assault, however, took place in the south of the country, in daylight, after gunmen farced their rental hus off a well-traveled highway.

Guatemala's crime rate has soured since the end of its civil war a year ago. Rohberies, kidnappings, murders and rapes, many by former suldiers and guerrillas in the civil war, are a source of worry for most Guatemalans and many tourists. The State Department's consular information sheet on Guatemala is a sobering document, warning that daylight assaults have affected groups of U.S. tourists. It even describes an incident that was similar to the assault on the St. Mary's students. the rape of five foreigners on a public

bus last July.
St. Mary's has run the same Guatemala trip for two years without incident, along with trips to Gambia, China and other nations. Jorge Rogachevsky, the professor who planned the trip and accompanied the students. had lived in Guaternala and said he had traveled the same highway with his family many times. Guatemala's crime rate is not the highest in Latin America. About 150,000 Americans visit every year. Most have no problems. Whether the school somehow failed

took place on the way to a ceremany for the students far from the Peten, an event that may not have been an integral part of their research and might have been skipped.

Colleges cannot and should not provide a hermetic environment for students. Foreign trips, even to countries where some risk is involved, can be enriching experiences. That is not a claim anyone would make about other activities that probably put students at higher risk for rape, such as fraternity parties on some campuses.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Other Comment Awkward for Washington

Administration officials assume, not necessarily correctly, that Fidel Castro will do nothing to lift poliocal repres-sion at home in return for the Pope's gesture in agreeing to spend four days in Cuba. They tend to dismiss as irrelevant in the long run the concessions that Mr. Castro has made to the Roman

Catholic Church on the island. Vatican policymakers believe, on the other hand, that Mr. Castro has no choice but to start liberalizing Cuba if he wishes to maintain the Pope's support and help convince President Bill Clinton to begin doing away with and-Cuba sanctions.

The administration is quite aware that the United States will be put in an extremely awkward position if the Pope's peacemaking in Cuba begins to produce results.

- Tad Szulc, commenting in the Los Angeles Times.

France in Rwanda: Vichy Syndrome of Guilty Silence

By William Pfaff

DARIS — France's official implication in the Rwanda of history, even bad history, to influence a politician's decisions. It also provides disconcerting evidence of certain recurrent traits in the behavior of the French political class.

The newspaper told how French soldiers trained many of Rwandan soldiers and militiamen who later carried out the genocide, did not interfere when the genocide began genocide began, and subently were ordered to help the killers' leaders to escape. Since publication, there has been an oppressive silence on

WASHINGTON — Gender selection is an om-

inous practice in a number of

of culture facilitated by tech-

nology. It might fosier con-

didons that make war more

In these nations, male off-

spring are more prized than

females. This is particularly true in China and India, where

gender selection has strong

cultural hiases. To varying de-

grees it is also practiced in

Pakistan, Bangladesh, Korea and Taiwan. These nations ac-

count for about 40 percent of

In India, gender selection

generally occurs from early to

mid-pregnancy. Gender iden-

tification usually is confirmed

by the use of altrasound tech-

the child is determined to be

In China, where such tech-

still enforced, the female off-

wards of the state. In South

couple try again.

may be practiced.

skewing toward males.

barring any external interfer-

ence, there are 105 boys born

in the world for every 100 girls,

a ratio that has persisted over

the world's population.

No other national newspaper, television chain or magazine has taken up the reports, or challenged them. There has been no editorial comment. There have been no manifestos by French intellectuals, usually prompt to protest violations of human rights, ready to march through the streets demanding justice.

Editors at Le Figaro say they are aware of no official or press reaction whatever, other than off-the-record official comments deploring the revival of the matter, broken only by a What is old about the story is

genocide of 1994, revealed this Foreign Ministry denial that that all this was widely rumored month hy the newspaper Le arms had been supplied in viat the time of the 1994

the French government. What is new is that France's involvement now has poblic confirmation from with participants and official inquir-ies by the United Nations and

the Belgian Parliament.
This "old story" also has an important current ramification. Patrick de Saint-Exupéry, the journalist who revealed secret French implication in events which culminated in the murder of something like a million Tutsi civilians, reports that France now is obstructing the work of the UN War Crimes Tribunal on

second UN War Crimes Trihunal, concerned with Rwanda. might demand testimony from ence omcers France originally supported

the Bosnia tribunal. The defense minister in the present Socialist government now calls it a "show trial' (justice spectacle) because the court uses the udversarial trial system that functions in Britain and the United States.

Mr. de Saint-Exupéry argues that President François Mitterrand decided to intervene against the Totsi threat to majority rule in Rwanda in 1992 as a result of a Fashoda syndrome. (This alludes to the 19th century confrontation which defined the fronder between French and British colonial spheres in Africa.) Mr. Mitterrand imagined that he faced an American challenge to France's posicion in Africa. The Tutsi invaders of Rwanda were supported by English-speaking Uganda, and their leader had attended courses

at an American staff college. What then happened during France's 'co-belligerence' with the Hutu authorioes suggests the existence of a second phenomenon, which might be called the Papon syndrome.

Officials followed orders. whatever their donhts. Politicians, including the right-wing poliocians who controlled Parliament and the government at the time of the genocide, say they had to "assume the consequences" of Mr. Mitterrand's

Bosnia because it fears that the original decision to back the Hutus. The whole affair was or questioned in Parliament, nor

> Maurice Papon, a civil servant in the wartime Vichy gov: ernment, is on trial in Bordeaux for alleged (hut as yet unproved) responsibility for sending French Jews and Jewish no fugees in France to the death camps. He says this was an official program that he had to carry out. He says that, person-ally, he did what he could to save Jews. His accusers say he should have tried to sabotage the deportadons, or denounced them and gone into the Resistance.
> Finally, there is the Vichy
> syndrome. Mr. de Saint-Exu-

> péry broke a rule that too often prevails in France when something discreditable occurs. The rule says that what hap-pened must be denied, covered up, and a pretense made that it never happened. It took more than 20 years for

the French to begin to publish the full record of the Vichy government's wartime collaboration with Nazi Germany. It took a foreign historian, Robert Paxton, to force the story into the

open, with his own researches. In the Rwandan case, France's governing classes are once again refusing to confront what has happened. The astonishing thing is that this is supposed to defend.

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Too Many Males for Comfort

Asian countries. It is a product indicates that this ratio has widened in certain societies.

In China the ratio is approaching 114 to 100; in some rural provinces it can rise to 130 or 140 to 100. Abortion based on gender selection, in-fanocide and child abandonment are illegal in China, but when social policy and law collide with long-standing cultural biases, the latter usually prevail. Many couples living in rural areas regard a male child as an economic neces-

sity, especially in a society that proscribes additional children. As new technologies to facilitate gender identification become more available to the childbearing population, there nology or amniocentesis. If is every reason to believe that gender seleccion will continue

female it is aborted, and the rather than abate. If present trends continue - and researchers see no reanology is less available and son for decisive change in the one child per couple is a law next two or three generations India alone could have spring tend to disappear or be about 70 million males withabandoned, thus becoming out available female partners. Traditional release valves Korea, gender selection is ilsuch as migration temporarily

relieve the imbalance, but re-

found marriage partners in

figure out that large popula-

It takes little imagination to

legal, but the country's democeiving countries can be exgraphics indicate that it still pected to close their doors as Taken together, the overall the tide increases. Those left behind are likely to become result is an Asian population even more frustrated by the news that their relatives have Demographers report that,

other countries.

only future is taking care of elderly parents, and who have no hope of someone caring for them when they are old, might easily provide the flash point for future conflict.

Male domination in a society increasingly will be paralleled by male frustration. Whether this plays out in the form of internal conflict or organized external expedidons can only be speculation. An ontside defense establishment is ill-prepared to deal with such a contingency. Demography does not clearly present security experts and military planners with the types of political issues they

are accustomed to. "Peacekeeping" in ethnic or religious conflicts is a comparatively recent problem. Most such missions have been carried out in countries with manageable populations.

For today's long-range military planners, the future holds ont information warfare, advanced biotechnological conflicts and even possible actions in space. With the advent of skewed demographics due to gender selection, security strategists and planners do not have far to look to add another contingency to their already full plate.

The writer, a retired U.S. Army colonel, was a national security fellow at Harvard University and has served at the army's Strategic Studies Institute. This comment is adapted from a longer article in the millennia. Recent research tions of single mon whose the Los Angeles Times.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1898: Africa's Opening LONDON - The Times' leader

on the opening up of Africa by the European Powers says: "There is a prospect that the quescon will be considered in an international conference. It is some satisfaction to think that the severest scrutiny of the conduct of our Colonial Administration is not likely to bring to light anything to the discredit of England, Mr. Chamberlain has uniformly been disposed to favor stringent measures as to the liquor traffic in our possessions in West Africa, a position which will daubtless be maintained in

the forthcoming Conference." 1923: German Gum

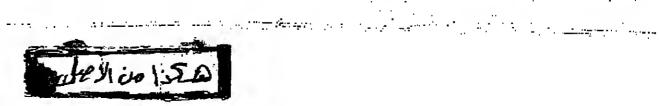
WURZBURG — American chewing gum, or rather the American habit of chewing gum, has such a strong hold in Germany that the Olympia Werfi, Lid.; has opened a fac-

tory for its manufacture here. The American product is too dear, owing to the exchange, and now local gum is to take its place. It is pointed out that a cigarette costs twenty marks and lasts only ten minutes, while a stick of gum costs only fifteen marks, and, with proper care, should last the entire day. Gum is going strong.

1948: Malayan States KUALA LUMPUR, Malaya,

Britain signed agreements

with the rulers of nine Malayan states creating a "Federation of Malaya" and returning internal self-government to the Malay Peninsula, with the exception of the Crown colony of Singapore. The new federation ends the Malayan Union created in 1946, under which native rulers werestripped of almost all powers. Biver opposition from the Malay population brought the



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America Has Amnesia **Over Abortion Rights**

By Frank Rich

NEW YORK — Before she found her current 15 minutes of fame as Paula Jones's camerahogging front woman, Susan Car-penter-McMillan did the same for the anti-abortion crusade. As media rep for the Right to Life League of Southern California, she was a fixture on TV and radio, describing abortion as America's Holocaust. Her position was absolute. She opposed abortion as a legal choice, even for victims of rape and incest.

It was not until Ms. Carpenter-McMillan had been riding this horse for a decade that rumors forced her to tell the truth to the Los Angeles Times in 1990: She had had two abortions herself, one as an unmarried University of Southem California undergraduate in 1970 and a "therapeutic" abortion in 1983, even as she was a pro-life activist. The first of these abortions, occurring three years before the Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision, was not then a legal option for most American women.

Both of Ms. Carpenter-McMillan's abortions would have been flatly outlawed by

her own political credo.

When asked by the Los
Angeles Times reporter to justify
her hypocrisy, she said, "It was
my own private life, and I don't
consider myself a public figure."
Ms. Carpenter-McMillan could hardly have stated the pro-choice position more articulately. No matter who the woman, or what the circumstance, a woman's intimate decisions about childbearing are her "private life," out of government reach.

It is that privacy that Roe

v. Wade protects. This Thursday is the 25th anniversary of Roe, with a requisite media barrage that is no doubt daunting to partisans of every stripe. But of all the new polls, fresh reporting and reflections occasioned by this milestone, the most startling statistics and anecdotes are those that chart a persistent national malaise far more prevalent than abortion: amnesia.

Though most Americans support Roe v. Wade, polisters tell us that many of those in their sample cannot instantly identify what it is. New York Times interviews with women waiting recently for abortions at clinics revealed a recurrent belief that

abortion had been legal for most or all of this century.

What has been forgotten is not only that abortion was illegal just a generation ago but also that it was prevalent in numbers comparable to today's even when it was illegal What this meant in practice was that well-off women and girls with either a sympathetic family doctor or the means to pay a clandestine abortionist could exercise choice with minimal risk to their privacy and health. Less fortunate women went to butchers or turned to often suicidal self-surgery. This is why maternal mortality rates fell 45 percent overnight in states like New York and California after

abortion was legalized. In our forgetful America, this past, though as recent as the Vietnam War, might as well be as far back as the Civil War. As loog as Americans of childbearing age are oblivious to pre-Roe history, in-

sidious threats to Roe are real.
What is at stake is not the political Trojan horse named "partial birth abortion" — a procedure that, polls say, most Americans still can't identify and very few women need - but the broad restrictions already in place and growing. Congress, state legislatures, cowed medical schools and doctors terrorized hy violent zealots are already explicitly or implicitly limiting access to abortion for poor,

rural and frightened women.

Many of these women, of course, sincerely consider themselves pro-life right up to the moment that life intervenes. Tom Davis, a United Church of Christ minister who has organized a Planned Parenthood counseling network, has seen right-to-lifers demand an abortion and then go right back on the clinic picket line. Statistics reveal that this phenomenon is not uncommon.

Abortion is hardly an easy choice for such women, but neither is it for those who consider themselves pro-choice — no one is pro-abortion.

Should Roe fall brick by brick or even entirely, history tells us one result is certain: It will not be the affluent Susan Carpenter-Mc-Millans, whatever their public politics, who will lose the antonomy and privacy the Supreme Court so democratically granted all American women just 25 years ago.

The New York Times.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Duty Toward Algeria

Why is it that only Western countries feel it is their duty to do something to stop the slaughter in Algeria?

There are four international roups that in theory should be directly concerned but that so far have done nothing to help Algeria. They are the League of Arab States, the Organization of African Unity, the Organization of the Islamic Conference and the Arab Maghreb Union. Algeria is a member of all four organizations.

The statutes of the four groups pecify that they are devoted promoting peace and security the member states. Surely their failure to act is as scandalous as the atrocities in Algeria

S.O. HUGHES.

Centered on Internet

Regarding "Seeking Internet Center for Europe and Asia" (TribTech, Jan. 8):

While many cities are vying to host the European office of the Interactive Services Association, an Internet trade group, Geneva should be given serious thought because it hosts the following organizations directly relevant to the information society:

The World Intellectual Prop-

erty Organization, which promotes the protection of industrial

property and copyright. • • The International Telecommunication Union, which promotes standardization in the telecommunications industry.

• The International Organiza-tion for Standardization and the International Electrotechnical Commission, which jointly devel-op standards for information technology.

• The European Broadcasting

Union, the largest union of broadcasters in the world.

Moreover, Geneva's status as the most comprehensive and far-reaching city in the field of human cooperation, as well as its direct access to representatives of about 140 governments, would

create a stimulating synergy.
Wasn't the World Wide Weh created in Geneva by scientists working at CERN, the European particle physics laboratory?

STEVE BERNARD.

Regarding "With Techies Logged On Abroad, Corporate U.S.A. Fills in the Gaps' (Jan. 19):

One group neglected in the ar-ticle is free-lancers such as myself U.S. citizens who are able to enjoy extended stays abroad while continuing to maintain contacts with and earnings from clients back home. Hardly a "techie," I

am a corporate communications writer who, via the Internet, has not only obtained assignments from clients in the United States but also researched entire projects on the Net.

CHRIS WESTPHAL

On Cloning Humans

Regarding "Reflexive Assumptions and the Cloning Test" (Opinion, Jan. 14) by E.J. Dionne Jr:

The widespread apprehension about the cloning of human beings may be resolved by medical practitioners. Contrary to Mr. Dionne's

tinoners. Contrary to Mr. Dionne's belief, medicine will undoubtedly come up with some convincing need for human clones,

Clones would solve the basic obstacles to organ transplant surgery: dearth of organs and immune rejection. Any legislation against the cloning of humans is implicitly against the ideal solution for organ transplants. THOMAS'R. GARBE.

Ibaraki, Japan.

A human being created without his own genetic raw material and with the experiential expectation of being a replica would be denied, to my mind, the most fundamental moral and physical right - that of being an individual. CHRISTINE FREMANTLE

Microsoft: A Giant Ego People Love to Hate

By Maureen Dowd

spective in the Other Washington when I heard that Bill Gates had put an inscription from "The Great Gatshy" around the domed ceiling of the library in his new \$60 mil-lion pad: "He had come a long way to this hlue lawn and his dream must have seemed so close that he could hardly fail to grasp it."

Mr. Gates was ohviously unaware of the magnitude of the truth that be had unwittingly admitted. When he read about the blue lawn, he must have imagined com-

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puters with glowing hlue screens stretching to infinity. He must cer-tainly have liked the proximity of the words "dream" and "grasp." With a judge who is likely soon to hold Microsoft Corp. in con-

tempt for petulantly defying an order designed to give its rivals any chance, Mr. Gates's dream may at last have exceeded his grasp. The Justice Department never came down on Gatsby. This Washington has disabused

that Washington of its arrogant presumption that what's good for Microsoft is good for America. This Washington has stripped that Washington of its image as warm. flannel-and-soy-burger pioneers of the new economy, and properly pegged Microsoft as an egomaniacal, dangerous giant that has cut off the air supply of competitors in bid to control cyberspace.

"The only thing the robber barons did that Bill Gates hasn't done is use dynamite against their com-petitors," Gary Reback, a Silicon Valley antitrust lawyer, told John Heilemann of The New Yorker.

The disheveled college dropout who used to get adoring headlines like "A Regular Guy Who's a Le-gend: Bill Gates Puts a New Face on the American Dream" now looks like a spoiled rich brat. When they treated the Justice Department and the judge with the same contempt with which they treat competitors, the masters of the virtual universe got hit with a grim truth: People hate Microsoft even more than they hate the government. Mr. Gates has gone from Hor-

atio Alger similes to virus similes. Frederick Warren-Boulton, another antitrust expert, told The New Yorker: "Gates is like

WASHINGTON — I figured smallpox, You have to go in there and you have to nail it. If you leave it lying around, it will just come back

When asked who they thought had done more good for the future of America, Bill Gates or Bill Clin-ton, more Americans chose Mr. Clinton. (Even though portfolioobsessed Americans would still rather have their children grow up to be more like Mr. Gates than Mr.

Clinton, by 47 to 24 percent.)
As Jacob Weisberg plaintively wrote in Slate, Microsoft's on-line magazine: "A few months ago, everyone I met seemed to think that working for Microsoft was a pretty cool thing to do.

Now, strangers treat us like we work for Philip Morris."

The Times's Timothy Egan explored the angst that has gripped the Redmond, Washington, campus since Microsoft lost its sheen. Some fret that the fate of the entire

Pacific Northwest is at stake. All the instant millionaires in thermal shirts, droopy drawers and sandals with wool socks are suddenly Wondering If It's All Worth It. They have staggered out

of the Seattle fog long enough to listen to their inner browsers. This has been a rude shock to them because they honestly believed that our Washington was full of anni-business, careerist bureaucrats, and their Washington was full of imaginative idealists and entrepreneurs who buy and sell to

didn't reckon smokestack laws could apply to high technology.

As Mr. Gates's lawyer, William Neukom, told Steve Lohr of The New York Times. We sincerely believe that we are a force

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for good in the economy. Actually, Microsoft has been a force for greed in the economy, more brilliant at marketing and purloining and crushing than it has been at innovating.

The company saw the fight with the Justice Department as a defense of its way of life. That way was hardhall on software: anything it decided was a core threat to Microsoft was sucked into the operating system.

These are Darwinian nerds. Besides, Microsoft couldn't even save the universe in the movie 'Independence Day.'' an Apple to do that.

The New York Times

frome of Guilty Silem

By Andrew Motion, Illustrated, 636 pages. \$35. Farrar, Straus & Giroux.

Christopher Lehmann-Haupt

HE evolution of John Keats's repu-L tation has been nearly as momentous as his brief, tormented life. As Andrew Motion explains in his monumental and compelling new biography, Keats, after his death in 1821 at age 25, was quickly enshrined as "the archetype of the stricken Romantic: a supersensitive soul, brought to an early grave by the hostile reviewers of Blackwood's Magazine and the Quarterly Review."

Swinburne referred to him as the most attacked Hunt and his associates. absolutely non-moral of all serious writers on record." Even as late as the 1940s, biographers were confirming the picture of Keats as "a beautiful weakling." Not until the 1960s did a different Ward's "John Keats: The Making of a thing of beauty is a joy forever, be was son Bate's "John Keats" (1963) and not merely identifying himself as "someone for whom sensuous pleasures "someone for whom sensuous pleasures bind of context." Robert Gittings's 'John Keats' (1968). "someone for whom sensuous pleas "In different ways," Motion writes, exist without any kind of context." "these books denied there had been anything irresolute about Keats' character.

account of his daily doings." great story, a triumph of artistic genius over every sort of adversity, worthy of being retold "at regular intervals." writes Motion, himself a poet and the author of "Philip Larkin: A Writer's Life." But more important, he argues, Keats's life has yet to be considered in

political purpose with a poetic ambition, a of beauty. social search with an esthetic ideal."

BOOKS

appears to be stretching a point. True, Motion provides valuable perspective by reminding us how Keats came of age during the Industrial Revolution and the Napoleonic wars, when England felt pres-sures for social reform from both within and without. And yes, early in his career Keats befriended the writer and editor Posterity only emphasized Keats's exotic qualities. The Pre-Raphaelites radical journal The Examiner, for which pictured him as "a delicious sybarite."

But as Keats matured artistically, he disassociated himself from Hunt. It was hardly politically activist of Keats to say when he gave up his medical career that he intended to continue healing mankind portrait of Keats emerge. Then three im- with his poetry. Motion is eventually portant biographies appeared: Aileen reduced to arguing, for instance, that Ward's "John Keats: The Making of a when Keats wrote in "Endymion" "A

Instead, for Keats "Beauty' is not an escape hut a medicine (promoting 'a and quiet breathing')," Motion writes.
"It is a general salvation rather than a Why then is Motion's biography "It is a general salvation rather than a meeded? Most obviously, Keats's life is a merely personal pleasure. It is not a way of arresting the destructive flow of time, but of criticizing corrupt power ('the inhuman dearth/Of noble natures, of the gloomy days, Of all the unhealthy and o'er-darkened ways/Made for our

If this is political, it is truly unacthe light of his interest in public affairs. knowledged legislating, to paraphrase

cedes, given Keats's obsession with the of poets. For all of Motion's valiant beauty of truth and his hermitlike pursuit efforts to provide a social context for of it. All the same, Motion concludes, it is Keats's writing, what remains paraimportant to show that Keats's "efforts to mount in our awareness is the poet's crystallize moments of 'Truth' combine a subordination of everything to his ideal

Where Motion is more effective is in Unfortunately, even to whisper the unfolding the stages of Keats's devel-word political in the context of Keats's art opment. These seem always to have inunfolding the stages of Keats's develvolved the balancing of opposites in his poetry: happiness and suffering, pos-session and loss, awareness and oblivion, fruition and corruption. In one of his best critical analyses, Motion lays bare the frightening tension between life and death in "To Antumn."

Paramount among the contradictions in Keats's poetry was his ambivalence toward women, which goes far toward explaining the mystery of "La Belle Dame Sans Merci," and which finally became overt in Keats's dying agony over his beloved Fanny Brawne, although Motion is also effective in deconstructing the mythology connecting mberculosis, creativity and love.

But what matters most is simply that Motion has found fresh reason for telling Keats's story. That reason may seem forced at times, and successful at drag-ging Keats only a little way back into the world of public affairs. We may also agree with the poet John Clare, Keats's contemporary, that the frequency of Keats's "classical accomplishment and gave an apparently comprehensive sleep/Full of sweet dreams, and bealth, makes it wearisome to the reader where behind every rose bush he looks for a Venus & and under every laurel hush a thrumming Appollo." But the power of Motion's narrative makes any excuse to retell Keats's story seem worthwhile. If he has taken away from us the image of Keats as the ethereal solipsist, he has made him all the more heroic as the archetypal artist persevering in spite of

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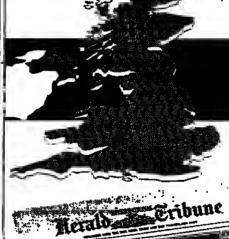
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BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott

HAPPY event caused one A of the New York area's top players to lose a title last month. Before the final event in the New York Winter Regional Championships at the end of December, Jared Lilienstein of of Forest Hills, Queens, were tied for the lead in the New

York Player of the Year Race. their position was not safe: Michael Polowan was in adopting a baby. To keep Polowan at bay Milgrim played,
won points, and moved ahead

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break very badly.

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the heart ace and ruffed a
heart ruff unless the trumps
and claimed his grand slam his partner. Polowan

stayed in third position, so Milgrim could have stayed home and allowed his partner to share in the glory. Lilienstein and Milgrim

partnership and demonstrated this sitting North and South on the diagramed deal. Looking at the North-South hands it is Manhattan and Glenn Milgrim easy to see that there is a bewildering array of slam pos-sibilities. Six no-trump is easy, but seven no-trump depends The final event, a knockout on an even diamond split, as hearts was a delicate invitateams, was significant since does seven diamonds. Seven tion to select a slam. South spades is better, and succeeds close pursuit and could snatch cards lie, to ruff the third round his partner was interested, the title. But Lilienstein was of diamonds before drawing and bid seven clubs. not available because he and trump. But the best contract by his wife were in the course of far is seven clubs, which

tough assignment, for it de- for in the replay North-South pends on knowledge of all the reached six no-trump. honor cards including the jacks. The two-diamond re-hid, which would be weak in have a finely timed bidding standard methods, was an artificial game force. The later jump to four hearts was Kickback, a variety of Blackwood with diamonds provisionally

Five hearts asked about \$53 kings, and six diamonds denied having any. Now six worked out that his club jack because North is able, as the was the crucial card in which The trump lead was won in

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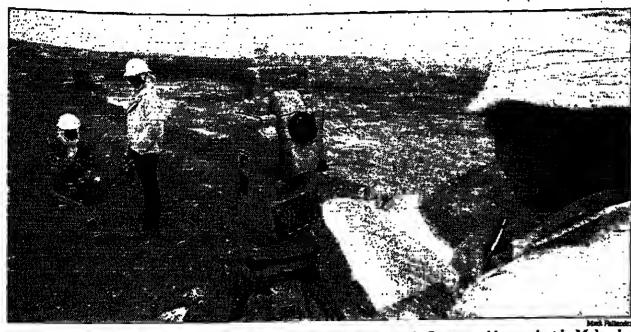
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The proposed afte of a "multimedia university," part of the Multimedia Supercorridor project in Malaysia.

A Hothouse of High-Tech Ideas?

Critics Say Malaysia's Rules Stifle Creativity of Software Developers

By Thomas Fuller nional Herald Tribune

UALA LUMPUR — A year ago, Darryl Carlton's software company worked out of the back room of someone else's office without any air-conditioning — a sure way to stifle creativity in the tropics.

Mr. Carlton financed the company from his own bank account, mortgaged his house twice and showered his four employees with promises of better times. If this evokes images of Silicon Valley's early days — computer geniuses working out of a garage — Malaysian officials would be flauered.

That is precisely the image the country wants to project: a hotbed of creative thinking, led by quirky Bill Gates-type

Mr. Carlton, an Australian who moved to Kuala Lumpur 15 months ago, has 35 people working for him. And his company, Datek Sdn. Bhd., has relocated to a bigger, Valley-esque office, replete with a basketball court, punching bag and high-speed fiber-optic links

But Datek's success doesn't tell the whole story of Malaysia's vision for a home-grown Silicon Valley, a project known as the Multimedia Supercor-

The regional economic crisis has left its scars, and not only in the financial sector. Recent months have been cruel to the Monor of free flowing information in Malaysia. The government has pressured financial analysts into not talking with the press admonished newspaper editure to run positive stories and, on Wednesday, threatened rumor mongers with the punishment of the internal security act; detention without trial.

It is an environment, critics say, that is more stifling than an office without air-conditioning, a threat to Malaysia's ambitious \$10 billion "supercorridor"

'The question is whether we can create a culture of creativity - where you can let people have their hair dnwn," says Lim Kit Siang, the opposition leader in Parliament and a twotime detainee under the internal security act. "The whole political culture has to change. If they're incapable of doing it for the economic crisis, it's legitimate to ask whether they're capable of doing it for the information age tomorrow."

The government has responded to such crincism by saying that the supercorridor, a top priority that officials assert is ahead of schedule despite the financial crisis, will be governed by different laws.

'Certain practices in the MSC will sia.html

defer from the rest of the country,"
Prime Minister Mahathir bin Mohamad said earlier this week, referring to the supercorridor. "For example, they have absolute access to the Internet — no censorship of the Internet. Those working here will be able to come in and out without too much bother about getting

visas every now and then. But the statement Wednesday by a top official in the national police force, Ghazali Mohamad Amin, illustrated the situation elsewhere in Malaysia. Mr. Ghazali told the nfficial Bernama news agency that "certain groups" were 'fishing in troubled waters" by spreading rumors about the price rises in the country and the stability of the banking system. Mr. Ghazali listed three different acts that could be invoked against people who spread rumors, all of which involve jail terms.

Arthur Owen, a telecommunications consultant with Booz, Allen & Hamilton who has worked on supercorridor-re-lated projects, said: "The idea of the corridor is to create a part of Malaysia where there will be freedom of information, copyright laws and an attractive, social and cultural environment."

"But it's not going to be sufficient just to make the infrastructural, legal and societal changes," he said. "It's going to be important also to change the perception of Malaysia in the minds of more creative, high-tech types."

THE Multimedia Supercorridor gets its name in part from the shape of the strip of land chosen for the development. Starting from Kuala Lumpur, the zone is 15 kilometers (nine miles) wide and 50 kilometers

long, an area larger than Singapore. bucolic hills of the supercorridor with, once the first phase of construction is tax breaks and a "bill of guarantees" including liberal corporate ownership rules, intellectual property protection and the right of unlimited importation of

foreign workers. More than 100 companies have been granted supercorridor status so far, giving them the accompanying benefits.

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environ/index.html The Datek company's Web site is at:

www.datek-my.com/ An in-depth story on the Multimedia Supercorridor can be found at: www.hotwired.com/wired/5.08/malayBut Mr. Carltoo does not believe they have necessarily overcome the creativ-

'Most people who come to the MSC want to try to win Malaysian government contracts, and they use their MSC position in order to get tax breaks on Malaysian projects," he said. "They're really cheating the MSC."

In fact, several supercorridor companies contacted for this article were re-Inctant to comment on the record on the issue of intellectual freedoms here, given the political environment.

ALAYSIA is not the only country touting itself as an Asian hub for information technology. Singapore is luring companies with its Singapore ONE program. which aims to connect every household and business on the island with multimedia services.

And the southern Indian city of Bangalore offers a vast pool of programmers and computer specialists who can do "back office" work for companies in Europe and the United States.

Mr. Carlton said he chose Malaysia after "a very detailed study" of the region.
"The two most attractive countries to

operate in were Singapore and Malay-sia," he said. "The cost of setting up a business, running a business and per-sonally living in Malaysia was much lower. That was the final deciding

Construction of the physical-infra-structure of the project — the high-capacity fiber-optic lines, roads and "multimedia university" campus - is still under way. Companies will start moving into the actual site of the supercorridor Malaysia is luring companies to the: - and the central city of Cyberjaya completed at the end of this year.

But Mr. Carlton of Datek - which sells inventory and customer service software — is not yet eager to move his offices there.

'My staff require other support facilities in order to keep them happy," he said. "Their requirements are very straightforward - restaurants, shops, entertainments, housing. Until those things are in place, it doesn't matter if the roads or the fiber optics are there to support the business. I won't be able to attract the kind of staff I need and I won't be able to maintain a creative working environment that will produce results. Mr. Carlton also noted that Malaysian

financial institutions had "no comprehension" of the value of intellectual property as collateral. "They don't understand that our production capacity is the talent and experience of our staff."

Talking to Computers Is Coming of Age

Speech-Recognition Technology Brings a Rousing Cheer From Customers

By Dylan Loeb McClain

Then Charles Schwab & Co., the brokerage company, de-cided late last year to switch to an automated phone system for taking customer calls, it put its frust in speechrecognition technology.

Schwab was skeptical at first because the technology, long hyped, had often proved disappointing. "We knew American Express had been playing with it for about 10 years and hadn't really been able to make a go of it," said

Alan Nathan, head of new products.

After a pilot program drew favorable customer response, though, Schwab went ahead. In October, the system began handling calls in California, Oregon, Col-orado and Washington, executing mutual fund trades and providing stock quotes.

"We thought if we could get this to do quotes; hallelujah," Mr. Nathan said. We did not set out as an initial goal that we wanted to do trading. It was better than we expected.

Many businesses express similar sentiments. After decades of unfulfilled promises, speech-recognition technology may finally be coming of age, moving beyond directory assistance and primitive dictation software.

In the past year, breakthroughs in programming and faster computers have persuaded some companies to begin using it, while others are investing significant amounts of time and money testing it in the most grueling condi-tions, like on the trading floors of brokerage firms and exchange

Experts in the field caution that there is a long way to go. While speech re-cognition — recognizing the words, not

the speaker—has been widely available since AT&T Corp. started using it for its long-distance service almost a decade ago, the software will have to get better, and the hardware smaller and cheaper, before people start having conversations with their computers or their cars.

Still, the technology now appears robust enough to support large-scale development and business opportunities:

• In September, Microsoft Corp. invested \$45 million in Lernout & Hauspie Speech Products NV, a Belgian company which develops and licenses speech technology. Gaston Bastiaens, Lernout's chief executive, said the company was working with Microsoft to integrate the technology into Mi-

crosoft's operating systems.

• International Business Machines
Corp. has created a division with 200 employees to work nn speech recognition. Its technology, called Viavoice, has been licensed to such software developers as Edmark Corp. and Syracuse Language Systems, and sold to connmers as dictation software.

· Lucent Technologies Inc. has developed a phone system that simply asks what you want, not asking you to choose

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Related sites on the Internet: Information about IBM's Viavoice can be found at

www.software.ibm.com/is/voicetype/ Details on Lucent Technologies phone systems are at: www.lucent.com Dragon Systems' home page is: www.dragonsys.com

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among various options. Within two months it promises a software kit for creating computer speech applications Mone.

oreating computer speech applications.

• Ficomp Systems has developed a voice-controlled system for Bond Steams & Co. that allows traders to record orders and check prices. The two-companies signed an agreement in month under which Bear Steams will market the system to its 2,000 independent brokers. Others are using or testing ent brokers. Others are using or testing the system, including the Chicago Men candie Exchange, which has tried it out it four of its trading pits over the last year.

• Wildfire Communications Inc., a

six-year-old company that has received financial backing from Microsoft and others, has created a personal electronic assistant that listens in on phone called and becomes active when the user calls out its name.
Pacific Bell Mobile Services, a unit of

SBC Communications Inc., has just signed an agreement to offer Wildfure's telephone assistant to its customers in the next three months.

This research and development is finding a receptive audience among businesses and consumers. Brian Lewis, editor of Speech Technology magazine, estimated that sales of speech-recognition rechnology totaled about \$500 million last year, a figure her predicted would double by 2001.

From a technological point of view; analysts cite two catalysts. One was the introduction of Intel Corp.'s Pentius. chip in 1994, which finally gave pera sonal computers enough processing power to run speech-recognition soft-ware quickly. The other was the introduction of a dictation program by Dragon Systems last June that was better. at deciphering conversational speech.

ALT /Commentary

Interactivity Needs the Human Touch

By Douglas Rushkoff
New York Three Service

TEW YORK - I had an unsettling experience at a recent baskerball game. My New York Knicks, though playing with injuries, had finally caught up with their Canadian opponents. It was one of those magic moments in sports where a sudden burst of enthusiasm by the home team had allowed it to overcome a tremendous deficit and take the lead. The visiting opponents called time out to regroup, and the home crowd went wild.

transition of times pulled notes dance and rock hits of previous years began to play through the loudspeakers. The revitalized crowd clapped and shouted along. Then the giant scoreboard displayed the image of a digital decibel meter and urged us all to "get loud!"

Predictably, the fans cheered as the meter registered their increasing volume. The meter went up and up until it went off the scale and shartered into a blast of pixelated color.

But, cynical nerd that I am, I noticed that the meter was not really regis-tering anything at all. It did not rise and fall with the volume of the crowd. In fact, it was exactly the same meter that had been displayed the week before at a similar moment in the game, and it registered exactly the same sequence of peaks and valleys before exploding. The crowd's noise level had nothing at all to do with this recorded simulation of an interactive decibel meter.

As a temporary motivational device, the fake meter certainly worked. The arena did get loud, and fans cheered the team on. But even though I'm sure most of us will never know the difference, we were "had."

The reality of the technological ex-

perience - one that would not have been very difficult to do - was substituted for a crowd-pleasing simu-lation. To a techno-enthusiast like me, it was an insult.

I spent the rest of the game wondering just how many of our interactive experiences are truly interactive and how many, like the arena's decibel

meter, are simply interactive style.

It didn't take long to find another example. In the seat next to me, a

child played with a Tamagotchi vir-

tual pet. I watched as he fed, played

with and "disciplined" the tiny digital creature

Surely this is interactive - at least in comparison with the prerecorded decibel meter. But is it? Who or what is the child really interacting with? A series of cues, programmed to meet the child's expectations. He feeds the pet, it smiles. He beats the pet, it cries.

The virtual pet, while simulating the training and rearing of a helpless space creature, is actually training its user. If you don't feed the pet at regular intervals, it dies.

The Tamagotchi and its many clones are training children to attend to technology at the expense of their human interactions. When these children are adults, I'm sure they will be fully conditioned to upgrade their computers at the first warning from the perating system.

The poor child next to me missed some of the game's most exciting plays while caring for his pet.

Interactivity does not mean inter-

acting with a machine, however real it might feel. It means interacting with other human beings through ma-A real decibel meter on the score-

board would have allowed the assembled fans to participate in a mass spectacle. Together, we could have worked to peg a volume meter. We would not have been interacting with the device itself - rather, we would be interacting with one another through the device. Instead, we were trained to cheer by a machine.

Likewise, the Internet is slowly evolving from a community medium to a content-driven interactive archive from telephone to catalogue or,

This is because it's easier for husinesses to sell us packaged content than to sell us to one another. But it and

also because we've bought the notion that our computers have brought us into the Information Age and that we're now in the realm of bits instead of atoms. We're not in an information age. We're in an interactive one. It's not

bits we're exchanging, but our very essence in the form of ideas, e-mail. graphics and chat. When I go on-line to engage in

human interaction, I log off energized. When I search databases or shop in on-line malls, I leave the experience feeling drained and alone. This is because the former involves communicating with other living beings, while the latter concerns only machines and their information. As companies attempt to make

Web sites more "interactive," they are working to create simulations that drive and then meet our expectations. We are to reward them with purchases. Like a virtual pet, the sites click and whir, recognize our log-in and cater to our stated needs more accurately than a human being ever could. And if human beings could live on data, bits and consumption, this interactive-style internet would truly be utopia.

I suggest that interaction with machines, however temporarily novel, will reveal itself as a poor substitute for using machines to interact with one another. We will tire of a bit-only Interner and, unless we engage in its living communities, we will instinctively reject its lifeless offerings.

The simulated noise meter fared no better. After a short burst of cheering, the crowd at the basketball game soon settled, and the Knicks eventually lost. I'd like to think that if they had used a real decibel meter, the outcome might have been different.

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U.S. to Improve Its Eyes in the Sky

By Walter Pincus
Washington Past Service

TASHINGTON — A space shuttle mission scheduled for next year will collect data enabling U.S. intelligence analysts to produce extraordinarily detailed three-dimensional maps of 80 percent of the Earth's surface, according to a planning document by the National Imagery and Mapping Agency. The shuttle flight is part of a massive

modernization of the multibillion-dollar U.S. intelligence-collection program. The goal is to compile a comprehensive view of the world from overhead using the shuttle, satellites, spy planes and missiles — and to consolidate the data in a single computerized system accessible to civilian and military officials across the government.

The program, which sources estimate will cost about \$10 billion over 10 years, is designed to deal with the flood of different types of intelligence data that for years has overwhelmed analysts. In addition to providing more detailed, complete and timely information, it aims to standardize access to information, which has been divided among more than a dozen military and intelligence agencies, many until recently using equipment incompatible with that of others. Under the new system, said Lynn Ha-

vach, spokesman for the mapping 'a receiver anywhere on Earth could request data and expect all the information to be sent to be compatible, whether it is imagery against troop move-

ments, weather data, maps or video." Officials say they envision a system five years from now capable of storing and delivering data for requests as diverse as those from U.S. troops abroad, State Department diplomats in Washington or

Under the plan, data would be held on file at the mapping agency's central facility and at regional commands around the world. It would be made available in real time to Pentagon units, civilian agencies and authorized foreign customers, officials at the agency said. Standardized computers would be capable of holding and retrieving imagery from the preceding two years. U.S. intelligence now produces an al-

most continuous stream of imagery from space from long-lasting KH-11 satellites and newer Keyhole and Lacrosse satellites, which use night vision and radar. With an average of almost 75 percent of the Earth covered by clouds at a given time, the ability of both radar and infrared technology to provide images in eny weather has greatly increased the amount of data collected each day, said John Pike, a specialist with the Federation of American Scientists.

BRIEFLY

◆AN ATM ON ICE: MasterCard International Inc. and Wells Fargo & Co. have put an automated teller machine in McMurdo Station, Antarctica - the final continent to get easy access

MasterCard said the Antarctica Cirrus ATM Network machine uses a satellite to send and receive the information that makes it work. Other ATMs use cable or telephone wires to transmit information. Antarctica has a winter population of

about 250 people and a summer population of about 1,000. More than 9,000 tourists visit during its summer season of October to February, MasterCard (Bloomberg) •SET-TOP BY SATELLITE:

Satellite broadcasters will control about 65 percent of the European digital TV market by 2002, according to a report released last week by the management consultant Datamonitor. The report said that the number of

installed digital set-top boxes that re-

ceive satellite services will rise to 8.55

million in 2002 versus 1.44 million ter-

restrial set-top boxes, while the total digital base is expected to total 13.4

Those figures compared with an estimated 2.27 million satellite set-top boxes this year out of a total base of 2.60 million, Datamonitor said. (Reuters)

• TOUCH-TONE FLYING: Amer-Ican Express and Continental Airlines are having several thousand business fliers test a new "smart card" embedded with personal preferences and other

information. After inserting it in an equally smart Continental card reader, which has a touch screen and prompts, travelers can switch to an earlier or later flight, upgrade to first class if they are Gold Elitelevel members, change seat assignments, confirm One Pass numbers for mileage credits and obtain boarding passes and receipts.

• TELEKOM LOSES FAITH(S): Germany's main Catholic and Protestant churches have lost faith in Deutsche Telekom AG and will sign up for telephone services worth around 850 million Dentsche marks (\$463.6 million) a year with a rival company, officials

The contract was signed by O.tel.o. the phone venture of the utilities VEBA AG and RWE AG, and the Catholic Conference of Bishops and the EKD Protestant Church in Germany.

It covers telephone service at some 100,000 church office locations around the country and will save the churches more than 100 million Deutsche marks a But Deutsche Telekom has said it will

make a new offer to win back the customers. "We will not give up any customer without a fight," a Telekom spokesman said. (Reuters) •LIFE AFTER APPLE: Gilbert

Amelio, the former Apple Computer

Inc. chairman who was ousted last sum-

mer, has joined the Parkside Group in-

vestment firm; which was formed last April, as a partner. The former chief of National Semiconductor Corp. will focus on management-friendly buyouts of companies with proven technology. (Reuters)

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Asia Can't Do It Alone, **Rubin Says**

U.S. and IMF 'Critical' To Region's Stability

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Treaswashing ton—Ine U.S. Treasury secretary, Robert Rubin, said Wednesday that U.S. financing for the International Monetary Fund was key to upholding confidence in Asia, and called it "critical" that Congress agree to provide more funding.

He also warned that financial in-

stability could threaten the South Korean government. The United States "cannot afford to

stand back and gamble that the crisis will resolve itself," he said, oor can financial markets resolve the situation on their own. ! He said Asian nations would undergo

deeper recessions and weaker currencies if not for the IMF rescue packages that are being negotiated.

The IMF "is the right institution" to

be at the center of the reform programs, he told students and faculty at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service. He said U.S. assistance re-mained a second line of defense, to be used only "if a country fully adheres to the reform program and further re-sources become necessary." He added that no direct U.S. aid had been disbursed so far.

The IMF put together bailout packages of about \$40 billion for Indonesia, \$60 billion for South Korea and \$17 billion for Thailand. Last week, IMF and U.S. Treasury officials traveled to all three countries to assess the progress made in eforming their financial systems.

'When we act to resolve the Asian risis, we act to protect and benefit the American people," Mr. Rubin said. "If the crisis were to spread more broadly to other emerging markets, then the impact on American workers and business could be much greater."

He said that so far, the economic problems in Asia were baving only a moderate impact on the U.S. economy.
"Strong efforts to re-establish finan-

interest in seeing Asia recover, Mr. Rubin said, the United States also has "critical national security interests" in financial stability in the region. There are 100,000 U.S. froops in Asia, including 37,000 on the Korean peninsula.

"History has shown that economic distress and financial instability can threaten political stability and security," Mr. Rubin said.

Seon! still must deliver on promises to open its economy in return for early payment of \$8 billion in emergency credit from the IMF and the United States, he said.

A group of banks led by J.P. Morgan, Ciocorp and Chase Manhattan are working with the South Korean government on a plan to refinance as much as \$25 billion in sbort-term debt.

"We stated the U.S. would provide funds only in the context of international banks addressing Korea's immediate fi-nancing needs, 'Mr. Rubin said.

While analysts say declining demand from the Asian economies will knock about half a percentage point off U.S. growth this year, Mr. Rubin said the effects should be "relatively moderate" and the "most likely scenario" for 1998 was continued solid growth and low inflation in the United States.

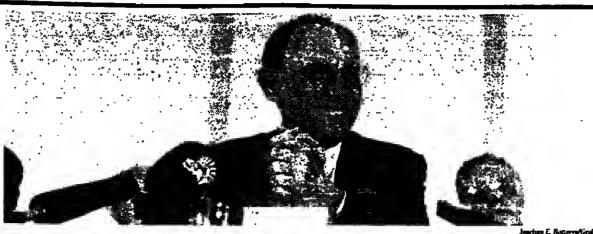
Mr. Rubin added that the markets alone could not resolve Asia's problems, saying that most of the pressure on Asian currencies came from local sources, not foreign investors.

Any aid to the region must be tied to a program of economic reforms, Mr. Rnbin said. "If countries don't take these steps, no financial assistance is made available." he said

Although the reforms sought are not austerity programs, he said some fiscal and monetary tightening would be needed to restore confidence in the re-

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gion's economy.
(Bloomberg, Bridge News)



Edzard Reuter, Daimler's former chairman, seeks in his memoirs to defend the company's costly expansion.

Daimler's Ex-Chairman Settles Scores

By John Schmid

FRANKFURT - Agonizing in his memoirs over his role in what many coosider modern Germany's most illfated corporate expansion, Daimler-Benz AG's former chairman, Edzard Renter, reminds himself that "the only thing that counts is that you can look in the mirror in good conscience."

Mr. Reuter's 480-page autobiography, Schein und Wirklichkeit, or Appearance and Reality," which is to reach German bookstores next month just ahead of his 70th birthday, amounts to the first full-length rebuttal from the man whose eight-year chairmanship of Germany's biggest company made him the biggest "destroyer of capital in German history," in the words of a 1995 charge made by Ekkehard Wenger, a shareholders-rights advocate.

A copy of the book was obtained by the International Herald Tribune in advance of publication. Mr. Renter was not available for comment.

Just as be did when be was chairman, in the book Mr. Reuter rejects the view that it was his expansion strategy and "vision of an integrated technology concern" that led Daimler-Benz

into financial disaster. In many cases, the retired chief executive faults his fellow managers for their inability or unwillingness to carry out his plans.

"Not the conception, not the vision was wrong; it had much more to do with a somewhat defective execution by the respective management," Mr.

"Up to the point of my departure, I myself certainly never saw any reason to turn the rudder fundamentally around and to depart from the designated route," he says elsewhere in the book. In a general rumination on the people be has met and worked with, Mr. Reuter looks back at his life and concludes, "You admittedly have few remaining doubts that the overwhelming majority

of people are born to be misled. Juergen Schrempp, Mr. Reuter's successor, gets his share of the blame for the company's record 5.7 billion Deutsche mark (\$3.1 billion) loss in 1995. Mucb of the loss stemmed from restructuring charges and severance payments for the company's aerospace operations, "for which Juergen E. Schrempp bore the direct leadership responsibility since they were founded," Mr. Reuter says.

A spokesman for Daimler-Benz de-

book's publisher said Mr. Reuter would not give interviews until after the book went on sale.

The book could become a reference text for investors who want a better understanding of an expansionist buy-ing spree that the magazine Der Spiegel once called "the hig pig-out."

The book is set to appear as the

company is weathering a storm of neg-ative publicity over its diversification into subcompact cars, a segment below the company's trademark luxury sedans. Daimler delayed the launch of two new lines of cars, the A-class and the "Smart" car, after both tipped over on tight turns, presenting a risk to the company's reputation.

As chairman, Mr. Reuter writes, he supported the new line of cars, but he also warned of the potential risks to the company's prestige. In the case of the Smart car, made by Daimler in a joint venture with Societe Suisse Micro-electronique & d'Horlogerie SA, the maker of the Swatch watch, Mr. Reuter warned that failure could damage Mercedes's reputation and "could risk our entire passenger-car program.

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ckage will be announced to

Q. What kind of debt rollover and

debt management program will be in

A. The package will probably involve

offshore lenders, Indonesian companies

and maybe the international community

in some way. It is really the complete

collapse of the rupiah that has moved this

essentially private corporate debt prob-

Q. In the case of South Korea, wasn't

arranging a rollover of sbort-term debt

and then putting in place the outline of a

longer-term refinancing program rela-

tively easy because the creditor banks

were dealing with a small oumber of

A. Indonesia's external debt problem

is unique. There are well over 200

companies that have substantial off-

shore liabilities. There are also a large

number of offsbore lenders from South

Korea, Japan, Europe and the United

States. Bringing all these players to the table in some kind of orderly fashion is

negotiating framework can be arranged?

large country. It can produce goods at the

competitive prices it needs to get back

into business. It is in the interests of

debtors and creditors alike to move as

quickly as possible to come up with a

solution that gives breathing space to the

corporate and financial sectors so that the

economy can begin to function again.

Q. Are you confident that a workable

A. It must be arranged. Indonesia is a

South Korean banks?

clearly a major challenge. .

lem into the realm of public policy.

with Indonesia's debt overhang.

place to reassure the markets?

"A large company like IBM tells you what the direct impact of Asia on sales is, and it hits you like a very bluot object," said Hugh Johnson, chief investment officer at First Albany. "The market tried to put Asia behind it last week, but we are then reminded it's going to be a long time before Asia is behind us." government began regular sales of the bonds more than 20 years ago. The situation in Asia is unpredict-

Asian Turmoil Brings

New Fears for Profits

TI and IBM Cite Reduced Demand in Region

IBM said late Tuesday that its first-quarter profit would be dragged down by slack consumer demand in Asia and the strong dollar. The forecast came as the computer maker reported a 3.4 perceot increase in fourth-quarter profit, slightly less than Wall Street forecasts, amid lackluster sales of personal computers and other hardware.

NEW YORK - International Busi-

ness Machines Corp., Texas Instru-ments Inc. and other technology compa-

nies have sounded an alarm over Asia,

saying that the region's economic crisis has already cut into profits and is likely to limit growth for some time to come.

The warnings sent a shudder through the U.S. stock market, sending the Dow

Jones industrial average down 78.72

points Wednesday to close at 7,794.40. IBM finished down 8% at 100.

On Wednesday, Texas Instruments Inc. posted a loss of \$285 million for the fourth quarter, compared with a loss of \$29 million a year earlier. While a ooetime charge of \$461 million contributed greatly to the loss, the company also said lower chip prices and weaker Asian demand also dented earnings. Reveoue slipped to \$2.43 billioo from \$2.46 billion a year earlier, and TI said orders had also dropped during the quarter.
Nevertheless, the company's shares

rose 1 13/16 to 48 1/16 as investors concentrated on TI's forecast for a 10 percent increase in the global semiconductor market this year.

The weak results were not confined to U.S. technology giants. SGS-Thomson Microelectronics BV said Wednesday that fourth-quarter profit declined 11 percent because of falling semiconductor prices amid worldwide overcapacity, a situation the French-Italian joint venture said could be prolonged because of the Asian economic slowdown.

SGS-Thomson, Europe's No. 2 semiconductor maker after Philips Electronics NV of the Netherlands, earned \$126.3 million, down from \$142 million vear earlier.

"The worry is that the slowdown in Asia has consequence in stronger geographies," said Chad Fleischman, a portfolio manager at Columbia Management Co. "The whole state of information-technology demand has clearly decelerated. You can see it in oetworking, you can see it in hardware. you can see it in spots in software."

Computer Associates finished down 41/2 at 471/2 after the software maker's results included weaker sales than analysts were hoping for, partly because of slow overseas demand.

There were some bright spots on the technology front. Compaq Computer Corp.'s fourth-quarter profit rose 37 percent, to \$667 million. Sales at the world's biggest maker of personal compnters rose 23 percent, more than twice the industry average, to \$7.32 billion, buoyed by PCs priced under \$1,000. Compaq closed up 214 at 32. The company said it expected to gain market share and generate higher profit this year even with the turmoil in Asia.

But the specter of lower profits pulled down the overall stock market. J.P. Morgan added to the fears about the Asian crisis, having warned Tuesday that the turmoil would affect its earnings, and on Wednesday the banking company's stock closed down 4 at 1011/4.

"Investors must be prepared for more short-term earnings disappointments," said Ed Haldeman of Cooke & Bieler in Philadelphia. Losing issues led gainers by a 3-to-2

ratio on the New York Stock Exchange. The Standard & Poor's 500-stock index finished down 7.82 points at 970.78. The stock market's weakness sent

investors back to the security of Treasury bonds. The price of the benchmark 30-year issue rose 19/32 point, to 104 17/32, sending the yield down to 5.80 percent from 5.84 percent Tuesday.

'The flow of funds from stocks is the dominant trade now," said Tad Rivelle, a fund manager at Metropolitan West Asset Management.

Bond prices have climbed since late October as Asian markets have tumbled, sending investors to U.S. government debt, which is perceived as less risky than investmeots elsewhere. The yield on the 30-year issue fell to 5.66 percent Jan. 12, the lowest since the

able enough that we may get more scary news," said Henry Willmore, a senior economist at Barclays Capital Inc. (AP, Bloomberg, Reuters)

Big Charge **Spells Loss** For Boeing

Committed by Our Staff From Disputches SEATTLE - Boeing Co. said Wednesday it would report a loss for the fourth quarter and all of 1997 after taking a \$1.4 billion charge related to its acquisition of

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McDounell Douglas Corp.

The annual loss will be the first for the world's biggest acrospace company since 1959.

Analysts welcomed the move, saying it would help pare Boeing's "Investors will and should be

encouraged by the way this is being handled," said Cai von Rumohr, an analyst with Cowen & Co., who has a "strong buy" recommendation on the stock. "They are coming to grips with the costs." Boeing's shares rose 50 cents to

close at \$44.

The charge represents an inventory write-down after Boeing's de-cision to discontinue the MD-80 and MD-90 jetliners made by McDonnell Douglas, a company spokesman said.

"Everybody understood that once we made decision on the future of the Douglas aircraft line there would be costs associated with doing that," the spokesman said

Boeing purchased McDonnell Douglas for \$16.3 billion on Aug. 1, forming a military and commercial aerospace company with \$48 billion in annual revenue. Boeing said it made the decision to write down the assets after it completed the purchase of McDonnell.

In addition to the McDonnell Douglas charge, Boeing bas said it plans to take a fourth-quarter charge related to production inefficiencies that have plagued the company for the past five months. The effect of the moves on employment will be announced later. after the company decides whether 10 consolidate facilities, Mr. Mc-Cracken said.

Boeing said it was assessing ways to cut costs further in all (AP, Bloomberg)

Q & A / Dennis de Tray

tries elsewhere have succeeded in fimiting the contagion effects after the initial impact. W.Mr. Rubin said and a large the initial impact. W.Mr. Rubin said and a large the interest in seeing Asia recommendative bodomical actions and the interest in seeing Asia recommendation.

As Indonesia's rupi record low in Jakarta of 12,000 to the U.S. dollar on Wednesday, Dennis de Tray, a World Bank representative in Jakarta, discussed the impact of the currency and corporate-debt crisis on the world's fourth most populous country with Michael Richardson of the International Herald Tribune.

Q. Aren't many Indonesian companies that have borrowed extensively offshore technically bankrupt with the dollar at 12,000 rupiah? Aren't many Indonesian banks also in financial trouble?

A. The Indonesia economy is close to paralysis because there is no functioning financial system any longer. That is a very dangerous situation.

When the offshore cost of your debt has risen four or five times in terms of your domestic currency, it takes an extraordinarily strong balance sheet to weather that kind of storm.

I think that most Indonesian companies that bold any substantial offshore debt would find it very difficult, if not impossible, to pay it off at rates of exchange of 10,000 rupiah or 12,000 rupiah to the dollar. I am sure that offshore lenders realize that at the current exchange rate there is no way the debt can be serviced to any degree.

O. Won't foreign creditor banks have to accept some responsibility and accept losses on their loans to the private sector. which total \$65 billion, of which \$20 billion is to be repaid this year?

A. I certainly believe that it's reasonable to argue that the Indonesian people should not be saddled with the debt burden that was created by highly paid corporate executives who were either making loans they apparently should not have made or borrowing too much money.

O. Why is the rupiah still falling despite last week's agreement between President Suharto and the International

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Monetary Fund to reform the economy? A. I expected the package to give a major hoost to confidence in Indonesia and in the president's commitment to reform, and that this would have a sta-

The fact that it has had quite the op-posite effect suggests one of three possible explanations: the package is miss-

Dennis de Tray of the World Bank.

bilizing effect oo the rupiah.

else is driving the lack of confidence.

we can handle them. A new package will be announced very shortly on banking-sector reform. Within 10 days, an-

ing something critical; the world at large and Indonesia believe the president is not going to implement it; or that something On the first two possibilities, I think

WALL STREET WATCH

Publicity's Stock Rises on Wall Street

By David Barboza New York Times Service

TEW YORK — A few months ago, the streets around the New York Stock Exchange were cordoned off so that Gap Inc. could set up a buge Sony Jumbotron television set to show commercials from its new marketing campaign. Traffic was also blocked when a

candy-shaped "Kissmobile" delivering Hershey's Kisses drove onto Wall Street and parked outside the exchange last year as part of a celebration marking the 90th anniversary of the chocolate candies. Then there was the time Planet Hol-

lywood International Inc. made its listing debut on the Big Board. Whoopi Goldberg was whooping it up oo the messy trading floor as Bruce Willis and Demi Moore cheeked it up with Richard Grasso, chairman of the exchange.

Mr. Grasso, who is more at home with harried traders yelling things like "Bid an eighth, ask a quarter!" seemed altogether pleased to play host to a few Hollywood celebrities. He was not at all surprised that they showed up. In fact, he has come to expect such fanfare in the financial district.

In the last few years - in no small part because of Mr. Grasso's orchestration Wall Street has become an increasingly popular marketing backdrop for

movie stars, fashion designers, corporate chieftains and even live animals. Arianna the cow showed up last year

when Gateway 2000 Inc., the South Dakota computer company, began trading sbares in New York. (A cowbell opened trading oo the exchange that morning). And just two weeks ago, Bestfoods Inc., formerly known as CPC International Inc., celebrated its name change by running live bulls down a gated stretch of Wall Street.

Though a news release said a herd of bulls would "thunder past" the exchange, the bulls actually trotted unenthusiastically behind a group of costurned characters portraying a bottle of Hellmann's mayonnaise, an Entenmann's cookie and a jar of Skippy peanut butter, all Bestfoods products.

Still, call it a bull market in corporate publicity stants. And where better to pump up the corporate muscle than in the capital of all financial capitals -Wall Street, U.S.A.?

"The coverage of Wall Street has become an obsession in America," said Lawrence Rand, a partner at Kekst & Co., a public-relations company that represents Gap. "Virtually every single day, CNN is showing the opening of Wall Street around the world, and if you can get your picture to a viewership around the world for paying nothing,

The mastermind behind the events, though, is the New York Stock Exchange, which is in a pitched battle with the Nasdaq stock market, the younger, more technology-oriented exchange that lists shares of high-flying companies such as Intel Corp. and Microsoft Corp.

For two years, the two exchanges have been battling to win or retain important corporate clients, for their prestige as well as their befty listing and trading fees.

So while Nasdaq, a network of computers and telephones with oo physical trading floor, promotes itself with television ads on programs such as ABC's "Monday Night Football," the Big Board draws attention to itself by holding big publicity bashes in the heart of

Wall Street. No looger is the financial district solely about investment bankets and stock traders pulling the levers on the world's paper booms and busts. Now, onto those narrow New York streets and into the Big Board's colonnaded financial fortress come the big wheels of popular culture, celebrities such as Ralpb Lauren, Cindy Crawford, Claudia Schiffer and Bill Cosby, as well as the Campbell Soup Kids and France Telecom's cancan girls, who kicked up their heels oo Wall Street last October when the company made an initial public offering of American depository receipts.

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Very briefly:

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 Rubbermaid Inc. announced a restructuring it said would ent jobs and achieve expected cost savings of \$200 million a year by the end of 2000. It said a "significant part" of its work force worldwide wnuld be affected, but did not elaborate.

 Exxon Corp.'s faurth-quarter profit from operations rose 5.3 percent from a year earlier, to \$2.2 billion, as the largest U.S. oil company more than affset lower prices with higher production and improved profit on its refining operations and gasoline sales.

 ABB Asea Brown Boveri Ltd. said a group of companies it leads had won a \$190 million contract from Berkshire Power Co. to build a power plant in Massachusetts.

• Telebras. Brazil's telecommunications company, will split its 26 subsidiaries into separate fixed and cellular companies by the beginning of February.

Big Forestry Firm to Restructure

Bloedel Ltd. said Wednesday talks to buy Stone Container that it would fire 2,700 em- Corp.'s stake in the compaployees, or 20 percent of its nies' 12-plant corrugated-pawork force, as part of an effort per venture in Canada. to restore Canada's biggest forestry company to profit- forestry industry is grappling

tn sell fiberboard plants in Asia. MacMillan Bloedel Ontario and Pennsylvania shares were at 16.70 Canaand dismiss a third of the dian dollars (\$11.59) late workers at its unit that makes Wednesday, up 1.10 dollars.

wood for construction. It also VANCOUVER, British may spin off or sell its paper MacMillan business, and said it was in

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Will Buyout Firms Screen a Hit?

Some Say Deal for Regal Cinemas Pushes Prices Too High

By Allen R. Myerson and Geraldine Fabrikant New York Times Service

NEW YORK - The movie theater business has captivated two of the largest and savviest American leveraged buyout firms - Kohl-Kravis, Roberts & Co. and Hicks, Muse, Tate & Furst - which will join forces to form the world's largest chain of movie theaters.

But their agreement, announced Tuesday, raises the prices for theaters to a level that many in the business called hard to justify at a time when a multiplex building binge in the United States has already erected too many screens.

The two companies agreed to bny Regal Cinemas Inc., the second-largest U.S. chain, for \$1.2 billion in cash, or about \$31 a share, and to assume \$290 million in debt. They plan to combine Regal Cinemas with the United Artists Theater Group, which Hicks, Muse agreed in November to buy for \$300 million and the assumption of \$550 in debt, and with Act III Cinemas, which Kohlberg, Kravis bought last month for \$323 million and the assumption of \$338 million in debt.

with 5,347 screens at 727 theaters in

35 states - or about 17 percent of

the screens now, or 20 percent by

they didn't." The result would be a company

the end of 1999 under current buildgains with other suppliers. Regal Cinemas is growing so rapidly, he said, that the purchase price reping plans. Carmike Cinemas Inc.. with 2,720 screens, is the leader resents only 8.8 times this year's

While Kohlberg, Kravis and Hicks. Mose see major gains in a combination from cutting overhead and expenses and from building hage megaplex theaters, analysts and industry executives question whether the combined chain could realize enough economies to justify the price. The buyers of the Regal Cinemas are paying about 13 times last year's cash flow, while buyers of other theater chains generally pay a price that is about seven times cash flow, which is earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization. Theater chains con-

new forms of home entertainment. The business has stable demand and overcapacity," said Christopher Dixon, an analyst with Paine Webber Inc. "So unless Hicks, Muse gets more negotiating power with the film studios, it is a tough deal. Other theater chains, including Cineplex and Carmike, thought they could get better terms as they got bigger and

tinue to face added pressure from

Clifton Robbins, a Kohlberg, Kravis general partner, said that while he did not expect better terms from the studios, the combined company could drive harder bar-

Leaping Ahead

The top five movie theater chains nationwide, in terms of screens, after proposed .

mergers. Kohlberg: Kravis/ Hicks, Muse .727 Carmike Cinemas 540

Cineplex Odeon/Sony 460 AMC Entertainment 226 Cinemark USA 193

of officials from Maryland. Virginia. New York, Texas and Illinois, is conducting a more specific investigation. government and industry sources fa-

miliar with the investigation said. The group is reviewing the merger's effect on four markets: the Washington area, Chicago, Manhattan and Dallas, according to the sources. Officials in Maryland and Virginia are concerned about the competitive impact of the merger locally, given that the twn companies collectively control about half the theaters in the region: 35 of the But the state task force, made up 72 first-run and bargain theaters.

Dollar Slips Against Yen On Hints Of Stimulus

NEW YORK - The dollar continued its slide against the yen Wednesday after Japanese officials suggested the government may increase spending to lift the economy out of a six-year slump.

The U.S. currency also fell against the Deutsche mark after an unexpected gain in Western German busis ness confidence in December fueled speculation that German interest rates could head higher before long. The yen rose after Prime Minister-Ryutaro Hashimoto nf Japan

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signaled he may diverge from the campaign to reduce the budget deficit, saying the government must be prepared to bolster the economy.

"Anything improving the prospect that Japan can stimulate its

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economy is bullish for the yen," said Dan Bernstein, head of research Bridgewater Associates in Wilton, Connecticut.

The dollar declined in 127.060 yen in 4 P.M. trading from 128.495 yen Tuesday, and it fell to 1.8200 DM from 1.8395 DM after the Ifn research institute said its index of Western German business confidence unexpectedly rose to 99.6 from 99.1 in November. The U.S. currency was also at 1.4755 Swiss francs, down from 1.4958 francs, and at 6.0923 French francs, down from 6.1575 francs. The pound climbed to \$1.6312 from \$1.6270.

"We're basically bullish on Germany," Mr. Bernstein said. Even if maintain hw interest rates farever, he said. The Bundesbank last raised its bellwether securities repurchase rate Oct. 9, taking it to 3.30 percent from a record low 3.0 percent. Talk that the central bank would raise that rate again receded in recent months amid reports that inflatinn is under control. Comments by Bundesbank officials have suggested rates will

stay on hald for the time being. In a monthly report released Wednesday, the Bundesbank said inflation was expected to remain sub: dued in 1998. That, combined with scant evidence that a recovery from a six-year slowdnwn is gathering steam, is expected to discourage the central bank from making a move.

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State Farm Sues Ford Over Faulty Ignitions

By Joseph B. Treaster New York Times Service

NEW YORK - State Farm Insurance Cos., the largest U.S. auto insurer, has sued Ford Motor Co., charging that the automaker installed defective ignition switches in 26 million cars and then withheld information from federal officials and customers about the potential fire hazard.

The lawsuit filed Tuesday seeks to recover millions of dollars that State Farm has paid to repair fire damage to its customers' cars. The company also hopes to recover deductibles of up to \$1,000 absorbed by policyholders.

Ford acknowledged the problem two years ago after scores of

1993. A lawyer for the company, firmly denying State Farm's allegations, said Tuesday that the recall had remedied the problem. But State Farm contends that

Ford should have replaced the switches in all of the 26 million vehicles in which they were installed, and that millions of cars with the potentially hazardous parts remain on the road.

"People using these vehicles may be at risk and don't know it," said Steve Vogel, a State Farm The insurance company said thousands of fires had started in

Ford vehicles because of the switches, sometimes destroying garages and houses as well as the vehicles. No deaths have been refires were reported. The auto- ported. But Ford, in issuing its maker recalled 8.7 million recall order in 1996, said that at vehicles it built from 1983 to least 30 people had been injured.

U.S. Trade Deficit Narrows

trade deficit in goods and services made less expensive by the strong unexpectedly narrowed in November, data released Wednesday showed, as falling oil prices and weaker demand for petroleum products held down imports, nff-

projected cash flow.

But in a business that is building

theaters faster than it is filling them.

Regal Cinemas, with 2,333 screens.

is among the most ambitious, with

plans to add 300 screens this year

and 300 next year. Its shares fell

from more than \$36 at midyear to

the mid-\$20s in December as ana-

lysts questioned whether it was

growing too rapidly. Regal Cinemas closed Wednesday at

The attorneys general of five

ater chains could lead to higher

states are investigating whether a

proposed merger of two big movie

ticket prices or anti-competitive

practices, sources have told the

The attorneys general are look-

ing into the merger of Sony Corp.'s

Loews Theater Exhibition Group

and Cineplex Odeon Corp., a pending \$1 billion deal that would create a chain with 2,600 screens in

460 locations. The Justice Depart-

ment has previously acknowledged

that it is reviewing the merger as

part of a rontine investigation.

\$29.1875, down 25 cents.

Washington Post.

■ Cinema Merger Inquiry

setting a drop in exports to Asia. The sbortfall shrank to \$8.04 billion in November after narrowing in October to a revised \$9.09 billion. Analysts expected the Navember deficit to widen to \$10 billion from October's previously reported deficit of \$9.69 billion.

Exports of goods and services fell .3 percent to \$79.2 billion in November, reflecting weaker demand for semiconductors and computer accessories, consumer goods, and industrial hardware. November imports fell 2.2 percent to \$87.23. billion as oil prices declined and shipments slowed, offsetting a record level of consumer-goods imports.

Jan. 21, 1998

Grains

troubles and that domestic producers WASHINGTON - The U.S. will have to contend with imports dollar, hurting industrial output.

Based on the Commerce Depart-

ment statistics, the trade deficit for all of 1997 is no target to total \$111 billion, which would match last the country returns to average ar year's total and be the largest since a normal growth, Germany cannot \$115 billing deficit in 1988.

The U.S. trade deficit in goods alone with Japan, the nation's second-biggest commercial partner behind Canada, narrowed to \$4.21 billion in November, its smallest monthly total since June;

However, for the first 11 months of last year, the U.S.- Japan mer-chandise trade deficit totaled \$50.58 billion, up from \$43.32 billion through November in 1996.

The merchandise deficit with China narrowed to \$4.13 billion in November, the smallest since May. For the first 11 months of last year. the U.S.-China trade deficit totaled Analysts predict that demand for U.S. \$45.88 billion, up from \$36.86 exports will suffer because of Asia's through Navember 1996.

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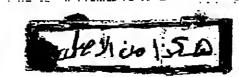
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Bonn Set For Report On EMU

FRANKFURT — The Bundesbank said Wednesday that it would prepare a special report for the government on European economic and monetary union in what promises to be a crucial step toward creating B common currency.

The report gives the powerful central bank a make-or-break role in swaying German public opinion on EMU and looms as one of the potential stumbling blocks on the road to the currency's planned in-troduction in January 1999.

The central bank's support is seen as vital in overcoming public opposition to the common currency. A recent survey showed that 71 percent of Germans did oot want to swap the



Although the report is potennally explosive, Buodesmost watchers said they expec-

for the euro.

ted the central bank to take a toierant line oo monetary uoioo. The bank is expected to say the project should go forward even if preparations have oot been perfect.

"The government would like to show even the Bundesbank agrees with EMU," said Juergen Pfister, economist at Commerzbank.

A Finance Ministry spokesman said the report would prohably be ready in March - well ahead of the May decision oo which countries would qualify to join the single currency and the vote in late hillion DM indicated by prelim-April in the German Parliament on whether to participate.

The Bundesbank said it would have made toward meeting the Maastricht Treaty.

monetary union, EMU critics, particularly the Bavarian premier, Edmund Stoiber, have insisted that the government ask the Bundes- increase in tax-revenue estimates. bank to prepare a report on the



Mr. Kohi addressing a party conference in Bonn on Wednesday.

German Deficit Comes In **Smaller Than Expected**

BONN - The Finance Ministry

said Wednesday that final data for 1997 showed a federal budget deficit of 63.7 billioo Deutsche marks (\$34.66 billion), 7.1 billion DM less than was anticipated in Germany's supplementary budget.

inary data released last week, the ministry said.

Finance Minister Theo Waigel consider the progress that nations said last week he was optimistic the preliminary data would put Gereconomic targets contained in the many in line to meet the European monetary union guideline that calls Although Germany is widely for a deficit of no more than 3 expected to join the first wave of percent of gross domestic product.

> difference from the preliminary data lay mainly in a 900 million DM Meanwhile, Chancellor Helmut (Reuters, Bloomberg) Kohl said the economy would

grow at a rate of 2.5 percent to 3 percent this year and oext year, though he said there would be oo "dramatic recovery" of the labor market this year.

'Growth won't affect the labor market quickly," Mr. Kohl said.
"The labor market will only pick up slowly this year - there will be no dramatic recovery.

Germany's jobless rate eoded 1997 at a postwar record of 11.9 percent of the work force.

Mr. Kohl added that the turbulence on Asian financial markets had caused international investors to seek refuge in Germany, showing that the German bond market was viewed as "attractive and The Finance Ministry said the safe." The chancellor also repeated his conviction that the euro, Europe's planned single currency. would be stable "despite everything that is being said."

The office said the data showed alightly stronger underlying growth, but growth that remained below the patible with that target. (Reuters, Bloomberg)

retail sales.

Ciba Outlasts Hercules In Allied Colloids Bid

pockets Wednesday to win control of Allied Colloids PLC of Britain with a £1.42 billion (\$2.3 billion) offer, but the Swiss company brushed aside accusations it was paying too much.

Ciba snatched Allied Colloids from the clutches of rival bidder 205 pence a share in cash that trumped a final offer of 195 pence a share from the U.S. company.

Hercules, whose own shares had begun to wohble amid fears that it was overstretching itself, immediately conceded defeat.

Keith Elliou, the chairman and chief executive of Hercules, said a price above 205 pence "would be at a level where the risk of delivering meaningful value to Hercules shareholders for the purchase of Allied

Colloids becomes intolerable." Ciba's offer was unanimously recommended by Allied Colloids' board of directors. The directors also agreed to sell their 0.02 percent stake in the company to Ciba, which now holds about 4.59 percent of Allied Colloids.

Ciba is paying a premium of 64 percent to the pre-bid price and 25.6 times Allied Colloids' forecast earnings of 8 pence a share far the year ending in March.

Although Ciba's chairman, Rolf Meyer, said the deal would dilute earnings slightly this year, he denied overpaying and said he expected Allied Colloids to enhance group earnings by the end of 1999.

LONDON - British retail sales

fell well short of forecasts over the

Christmas period, dropping 0.1 per-cent in December, the Office for National Statistics said Wednesday.

Economists had awaited the fig-

ures to gauge the strength of con-

sumer spending and judge whether the Bank of England, which has

been analyzing a mixed bag of data,

is likely to raise interest rates again

oext month. On average, economists

had expected a rise of 0.3 percent in

U.K. Sales Fall, Lifting Bonds

November.

LONDON — Ciba Specialty carefully," he said. "There is quite Chemicals AG dug deep into its a lot of upside on certain profit improvement that is already under

way."
But Ciba shareholders were less convinced, sending the stock down 7 Swiss francs to close in Zurich at 162 francs (\$108).

Allied Colloids will add its 1996 sales of \$720 million to Ciba's \$5.26 Hercules Inc. with an agreed offer of billion. The \$100 hillion industry has 205 pence a share in cash that consolidated in the past year as a growing number of companies has sought to gain size in the area of

high-value-added chemicals.
Hercules and Ciba both wanted to buy Allied Colloids to gain market share. Chemical companies are under pressure to reduce costs as customers demand lower prices. Ciba said it was particularly interested in Allied Colloids' water-treatment unit.

"Allied Colloids represents an attractive opportunity for Ciba Specialty Chemicals to enter this husiness and will provide a new platform for the group's growth," Mr. Meyer said.

It was the third time that Hercules, which generated \$2 billion in 1996 sales, had failed in an acquisition or merger attempt. In 1996 it sought to merge with W.R. Grace & Co., an offer that Grace rejected. It has also tried to buy National Starch & Chemical Co., oow part of Imperial Chemical Industries PLC, which last year bought Unilever NV's specialty chemicals division for \$8 billion.

Ciba, which was spuo off hy Novartis AG last year, employs more than 20,000 people worldwide. (Reuters. Bloomberg)

peaks seeo last summer. Sales rose

5.3 percent on a year-to-year basis.

up from a rate of 4.7 percent in

ernment bond prices climbed amid

hopes that base rates, which have

been raised five times in nine

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• Enzo Siciliano, president of RAI, the Italian public television network, has resigned, a parliamentary source said. Network executives have come under criticism recently amid declining ratings for RAI's evening news program.

· Olivetti SpA's chief executive, Robeno Colamino, said the company would report a consolidated profit for 1997 after six years of losses. On Monday, Olivetti began selling 1 trillion lire (\$553,4 million) in new stock, convertible bonds and warrants to its shareholders.

• Berentzen Gruppe AG, a German maker of soft drinks and liqueurs, will post a loss for 1997 and will cut its work force by 20 percent, to about 680, to try to return to profit by next year. The company plans to shut one bottling plant and reorganize its distribution system.

 Spain's central-government hudget deficit rose to 601.5 billion pesetas (\$3.86 billion) in December from 281.6 billion pesetas in November. For all of 1997, the deficit fell 44 percent. to 2.05 trillion pesetas. The deficit, combined with those of the regional governments, is expected to be low enough to qualify the country to join the planned European monetary union.

Euro Disney SCA's first-quarter revocue rose 17 percent, to

1.3 hillioo Freoch francs (\$211 million), driven by increased

attendance and ticket prices. The cumpany did not release figures for attendance or profit, and analysts warned that it would face higher costs to finance its \$2.5 hillion in debt. • Nestle SA, the world's higgest food company, said 1997 sales rose 15.5 percent, to 69.9 billion Swiss francs (\$46.6

hillion); the company predicted it would post a similar rise in net profit. Full 1997 results are to be released March 26.

 Club Mediterranee SA will cut prices significantly over the next two years to try to increase business, the financial daily La Tribune reported. The company declined to cumment.

Bloomberg, AFP Reuters

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Kim Vows to End Investment Barriers in South Korea

By Don Kirk International Herald Tribune

SEOUL - President-elect Kim Dae Jung met with executives of foreign multinational companies Wednesday and vowed that South Korea would cut through its maze of regulations and end investment and import barriers as the nation puts its derailed economy back on track.

"You may have difficulties becaose of investment regulations and inconsistent policy," Mr. Kim told the presidents of the South Korean operations of 25 of the higgest for-

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Yew, the elder statesman of

Singapore, said Wednesday that

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would suffer costly con-sequences if they ignored Asia's

economic crisis and failed to of-

fer help throughout the region.

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rity and economic interests in a

stable, prosperous Asia," the

former prime minister said in a

speech at the Thai National De-

fense College. "This crisis will

not be confined to Asia if it

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beyond South Korea to Thai-

Mr. Lee also called oo Tokyo

"Japan is the principal source

to do more to help revive econ-

of capital around the world," he

said. "If its banks continue to

languish, loans and investments

Mr. Lee described the Asian economic turmoil as a typhoon

that no one had expected. But

be said the region's economies

could recover in two to three

years if countries pressed ahead

He said governments must

adopt reforms demanded by the

International Monetary Fund,

tighten their regulatory systems

and reduce corruption among

Mr. Lee also said each coun-

try must allow companies and

banks that are insolvent or not

viable to go bankrupt, while

governments should step in and

problems will be high," he

said. "However, the cost of

failing to deal with them de-cisively will be more painful."

ic turmoil on both domestic

companies and lax govern-

ments in Asia, as well as in-

ternational banks and money

managers who were eager to

lend to the region during pros-

perous times but panicked when

for failing to check excessive

borrowing," he said. "Lending was based not on feasibility of

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(Reuters, Bloomberg)

the markets began to slide.

Mr. Lee blamed the econom-

"The cost of solving these

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can freely invest in our country." Mr. Kim sought to encourage often critical foreign investors as his ed top aides began talks in New York

with international creditors aimed at refinancing more than \$25 hillion in short-term deht, an agreement South Korean banks need to remove the threat of default.

Jitters about the outcome of the meeting pushed the stock market lower Wednesday. The Seoul exchange fell 5 percent, or 26.89 points, to 506.66, after having risen steadily all month. At the same time, the value of the won fell sharply for the secood consecutive day with the dollar closing at 1,723 won com-pared with 1,639 won Tuesday.

Members of the South Korean negotiating team in New York said they opposed a proposal to cover 60 percent of the debt with government boods—and would also hold out for interest rates far lower than the 12 percent to 13 percent demanded by the American banks.

foreign executives, Samsung Group said it would shed subsidiaries and that its chairman, Lee Kun Hee, would invest \$78.1 million in personal assets to help his companies. However, Samsung left unclear its program of fiscal austerity. This whether it would abandon Mr. Lee's could mean an extended tax cut or an pet project, Samsung Motor Co., which has already produced its first prototype cars. Mr. Lee has been widely criticized for eotering South Korea's already overcrowded motor-vehicle industry.

Attending the meeting with President-elect Kim, according to participants, were executives from Coca-Cola Co., Motorola Inc., Citibank NA, Philip Morris Cos., Bayerische Motoren Werke AG, BASF AG, Mitsui Corp., Mitsuhishi Corp., Societe Generale SA and Credit Ly-

"It was a starting point," said James Tesseda, president of Ford Motor Co. of Korea. "He was saying the right things. He was recognizing

the issues and the problems." [The Ministry of Construction group of editorial writers from lead- that it will be hlamed for any global the same time."

eign companies represented here. and Transportation said Wednesday
"We can work together to make the that South Korea planned to ease environment acceptable so investors regulations on foreign purchases of real estate in a bid to promote investment. Bloomberg News report-

> [Foreign companies owned 0.02 percent of South Korea's real estate as of September. I

Mr. Kim repeated his criticism of South Korea's conglomerates, or chaebol, after meeting the foreign executives, saying that he was re-flecting "the concerns of the people who doubt the sincerity of the chaebol's will to reform themselves."

Samsung, South Korea's second-largest chaebol in terms of assets, issued a promise of restructuring on Wednesday that was not likely to satisfy Mr. Kim's desire for specifics, though Samsung's chairman, Mr. Lee, promised to sell 128 billion won (\$78.1 million) of personal

property, and invest it in cash-strapped subsidiaries. Samsung said Mr. Lee would also invest 90 percent of his annual in- as demanded by the IMF, and to come of 8 hillion to 10 billion won in abolish cross debt-payment guaranan employee welfare fund as long as tees, under which companies within

program and would donate 10 hillion won from his savings and shareholdings to a fund to help retrain employees.

Mr. Lee's promise to dig into his personal fortune followed similar pledges by the families who own the Hyundai and LG groups.
Samsung also promised transpar-

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Hint of Stimulus Extends Tokyo Rally

By Sheryl WuDunn New York Times Service

TOKYO - Japanese stocks rose Wednesday for the sixth day in a row, their longest rally in two years, te American banks.

As Mr. Kim was trying to reassure

and the yen rose on hopes that Japan
might finally take bolder steps to turn around its ailing economy.

The new gains came a day after Koichi Kato, secretary-general of the Liberal Democratic Party, hinted that the government might delay its program of fiscal austerity. This increase in government spending.

There has been growing pressure on the government to stimulate the economy lest Japan's slowdown imglobal economy. Japanese news agencies reported Wednesday that President Bill Clinton telephoned Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto Lehman Brothers Japan Inc. But he on Jan. 13 to urge him to take steps to added: "Some of the optimism expand the Japanese economy.

The main obstacle to any attempt by Mr. Hashimoto to stimulate the economy has been the fiscal auspostponed could have been an at-

ing Japanese newspapers; "The basic policy of reform must be main-there are still risks that Ji tained, but we most cope with it in an accommodative manner and postpone it to some extent if the at Fuji Research Institute, said: "The situation is still highly fluid in But on Wednesday, he seemed to

backtrack slightly. of our fiscal reform," Kyodo News to think that Japan has emerged Service quoted him as saying. "1 believe we will be able to manage to attain our target by the deadline even if we act flexibly over spending."

The Nikkei Stock Average rose 1.9 percent, to 16,684.42. It has risen 2,019.98 points, or 14 percent,

over the last six trading days.
"There's a hope that they will peril all of Asia and eventually the finally produce something - a rabhit out of a hat - over the next couple of months," said Russell Jones, chief economist for Asia at building may be a bit misplaced. It's credit crunch, they can't get private hy oo means certain that the market has bottomed out."

Fiscal austerity was the main reaterity program, which aims at curb- son Japan raised taxes last year ining budget deficits. Mr. Kato's sug- stead of cutting them or raising pubgestion that fiscal austerity may be lic spending as many economists had urged. Mr. Kato's comment may retempt to test the market's reaction. flect the government's desperation On Tuesday, Mr. Kato told a over economic stagnation and fears

there are still risks that Japan will also be hurt by the Asian financial crisis. Masaru Takagi, chief economist

such countries as Korea and Indonesia, which could have a ripple effect 'We will not alter the basic policy on Japan. It would be far ton illusory safely from the crisis. The Finance Ministry said Wed-

nesday that unemployment was still high, the economy was at a standstill and overall corporate earnings were likely to decline for the year ending March 31.

In most parts of Japan, people are clamoring for the government to spend more money, Makiko Tanaka, a member of Parliament, said Wednesday, "People are asking for a bridge in their area, or a dam, or they want more money for welfare," Mrs. Tanaka said. "Because of the loans to huy equipment, so they want help in getting public loans."

She criticized government policy as contradictory in trying to embark simultaneously oo large-scale deregulation and fiscal austerity.

What the government is doing," Mrs. Tanaka said, "is pressiog the accelerator and the brake at

Very briefly:

Malaysia will fully compensate Ekran Bhd, and other huilders of the Bakun dam, the Finance Ministry said, adding that work would continue on parts of the project, which was put on hold last year because of the economic crisis.

• The Philippines is negotiating with the International Monetary Fund over at least \$2.7 hillion in standby credits to cover fallout from the regional crisis. Manila is also negotiating for a separate credit from the World Bank and Asian Development Bank.

The Stock Exchange of Thuiland will appoint internal auditors for all companies that apply to list shares, in an effort to ensure accurate earnings reports,

The Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna, made up of Australia, Japan and New Zealand, failed in two days of talks to determine the future of an international management group on the endangered fish. News Corp,'s shares surged 51 Australian cents to a record

9.41 dollars (\$6.27) after an analyst said global revenue from its movie "Titanic" might exceed \$800 million. · Cambodia's new investment rules give corporate tax ex-

emptions of as long as eight years and 100 percent import duty exemptions on construction materials and equipment.

 China created a hank to finance a 16.6 billion yuan (\$2 hillion) rail line between Shanxi and Hebei provinces, the Xinhua news agency reported. AP. Bloomberg, Reuters

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DAIMLER: Ex-Chairman Settles Scores

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hamble and lonely, in his book than he did the larger-than-life architect of Daimler's expansion in the 1980s, which m May 1995.

By the end of his chairmanship, Mr. Reuter concedes, he was "branded a loser." The men who once supported him loyally either died during his tenure or gradually withdrew their support, sometimes secretly.

In the narrative, he switches into a dialogue with himself, addressing himself in the familiar "du" for "you." He confesses to moments of self-doubt: "Looking back on what you just wrote about your thoughts and actions, it seems logical to you and thus convincing. But is it the whole truth? Do you perhaps glorify things?

He wonders whether he had been "enticed" by the company's "hidden reserves of several billion marks, which remained concealed from the curious eyes of out-

The book also can be seen as a case study of the affluence of pre-unification West Germany and the era in which Mr. Reuter launched his vision — before unification forced Germany into an unfamiliar aus-The Germans above all had become terity. a sated, indeed a fat volk," be says.

The company's expansion program began with a 1984 proposal by Mr. Reuter In many ways, Mr. Reuter appears far in which he argued that the "generation of more complex, and sometimes more our children and grandchildren" deserved a company that could grow beyond traditional antomobile operations.

At first hailed as a visionary, Mr. Reuter Mr. Schrempp rapidly dismantled with a rapidly recast the luxury sedan-maker into brutal wave of divestitures, plant closures a conglomerate that made heavy cables, and job losses after Mr. Reuter left the joh refrigerators and washing machines, satelhtes, typewriters, hig-and small airplanes helicopters, microchips, trains, military equipment, turbine engines, automated postal sorting machinery and even household electricity meters. "The idea behind it was neither dreamy

nor theoretical," he said of the expansion. In selectively naming the managers who disappointed him, Mr. Reuter risks reopening one of the darkest chapters in Daimler's postwar history. Mr. Reuter is repeatedly critical of Gerhard Liener, his chief financial officer, who committed sui-cide in December 1995, only a few months after excerpts from Mr. Liener's diaries which contained bitter references to Mr.

Renter - were published in a magazine. Particularly upsetting for Mr. Reuter was Mr. Liener's drive to get the company's shares listed on the New York Stock Exchange. As the first German company to accept U.S. accounting standards, Daimler-Benz was forced in the middle of 1993 to open its books and reveal that it was posting a loss for the first time in its history.

"This step was the work of Gerhard Liener," Mr. Reuter writes.

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WORLD ROUNDUP

Stoudamire Deal: **Bound for Houston?**

BASKETBALL The Toronto Raptors' star guard, Damon Stoud-amire, will be traded to the Houston Rockets in a six-player deal, the ESPN cable network reported Wednesday.

The network, citing no sources, said the Rockets would also receive a forward, Walt Williams, and a center, Zan Tabak, in exchange for center Kevin Willis, guards Mario Elie and Mart Maloney and Houston's No. 1 draft pick in 1998.

At Torooto's morning practice, Stondamire, the 1996 rookie of the year, refused to discuss a possible deal.

Stoudamire has become one of the top young point guards in the NBA, averaging 19.1 points and 8.5 assists a game. But he has been unhappy in Toronto, wanting to play for a contender. The Raptors (6.23) have the second property of the s (6-33) have the second-worst record in the NBA, trailing only Denver.

The 24-year-old guard is in the last year of his rookie contract and earns \$1.7 million a year.

Denny McLain Indicted

BASEBALL Denny McLain, the last 30-game winner in the major leagues, was indicted Wednesday

on rackeetering charges.

McLain, a two-time Cy Young Award winner for the Detroit Ti-gers in the 1960s, was among 40 defendants oamed when four federal indictments were unsealed. He was charged with conspiring in telephone calling-card fraud.

McLain won the Cy Young in 1968 and shared it with Mike Cuellar in 1969. He won 31 games in 1968 and 24 games the following

The 54-year old McLain is already in prison, serving eight years for looting pension funds. Before that, he served time for drug and racketeering coovictions. (AP)

Pills Are Discovered At Swimmers' Motel

swimming Australian policemen said Wednesday that they had found a small quantity of unidentified pills and other sobstances in a motel room that housed part of the Chinese team at the recent world swimming championships.

They pills were discovered during a room check by the police early oo Monday. A total of 27 empty glass vials were also found about 12 hours earlier in a common toilet area accessible to all guests at the

The Western Australian police superintendent, David Parkinson, said that international swimming's governing body, FINA, had not said whether it wanted the pills, vials and substances analyzed.

He said the substances were being stored in the police department's drug unit until a decision was made on whether to perform an

FINA said last week that it was powerless to expel the Chinese team from the world champiooships even though four of the team's swimmers failed pre-competition doping tests. (Reuters)

Cancer Claims Gilbert

GOLF Larry Gilbert, a three-time winner on the U.S. Senior PGA Tour who was diagnosed with inoperable lung cancer last September, died Wednesday. He was 55. The 1997 Senior Players Cham-

pionship winner was diagnosed Sept. 2 during a routine physical. Gilbert was one of four senior-

tour members diagnosed with cancer in 1997. Arnold Palmer and Jim Colbert had prostate surgery, and Bruce Devlin had his right kidney removed. Gilbert was the only one of the four whose condition could not be treated.

Gilbert was a teaching pro who woo the PGA of America Club Pro Championship three times before joining the Senior PGA Tour in 1993. He had won \$902,816 as a senior player in 1997 before his

Goalkeeper Is Sidelined

SOCCER David Seaman, the goalkeeper for England's national team and for the Arsenal premierleague club, has cracked a bone in his finger and will be out of action for three weeks, Arsenal said Wednesday. Alexander Manninger is expected to take Seaman's place in the FA Cup fourth-round tie against first-division Middleshrough on Saturday.

Lynagh Will Call It Quits

RUGBY UNION Michael Lynach, international rugby's record point scorer, will retire from the game in May, the end of the English sea-

son. The Australian flyhalf, 34, said Wednesday that the decision to retire after 15 years at the top had not been an easy one: "Rughy has given me more than I could ever hope to give back. However, there comes a time in any career when it is time to move on."

Venus Wins Battle of the Sisters

In Williams vs. Williams, Age, Experience and Rank Prevail

By Robin Finn New York Times Service

MELBOURNE - Their beads fell from their Technicolor corprows and littered the stadium floor. It was proof that meeting your sister in the second round of your first visit to the Australian Open is an unraveling experience, even for the poised and powerful Williams sisters, who have joint designs on the No. 1 ranking now owned by yet another overachieving teenager, Martina Hingis.

Oo Wednesday, there were fears that the rank oewcomer, 16-year-old Screna, might wreak havoc oo the already complicated family pecking order and defeat 17-year-old, 16th-ranked Venus making good on the prediction hy their father, Richard, that the younger Wil-liams was destined to be the greater champioo of the two.

But after a heated beginning in which oeither sister gave ground, Serena deferred to her elder and allowed Venus Williams, who made her own Grand Slam breakthrough when she reached the final of the U.S. Open last summer, to advance into the third round of this one with a 7-6 (7-4), 6-1 victory.

out," the winner told the loser. "Serena

hates to lose, and her repotation is she never loses to anyone twice."

Venus is now 2-0 against her lessexperienced sibling, and wary of their next encounter, which she hopes will

happen in a final.
I see us as the No. 1 and No. 2 seeds, interchangeable," Venus said. "Today would have been great fun if it were a

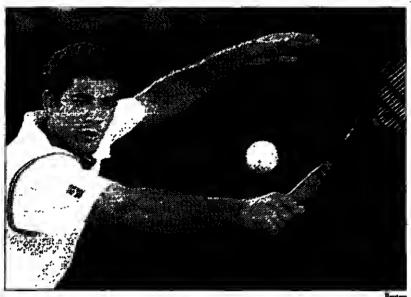
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final, but it wasn't so fun to eliminate my little sister in the second round." Serena Williams has made a rankings leap from 304th to the low 40s since

announcing herself as the oext big threat to the establishment with upsets of Monica Seles and Mary Pierce last November, an opset of the second-ranked Lindsay Daveoport last week and a significant Grand Slam debut here when she defeated the sixth-seeded Irina Spirlea in the opening round. .

"If I had to lose in the second round, no better than to Venus," Serena said. "I tried to keep thinking of her as someone else, but I guess Venus has a little more experience than me."
Serena Williams said this was a

"Serena, I'm sorry I had to take you match that held no fear factor for her, and in the opening set she was her own



Pete Sampras concentrating while beating Italy's Davide Sanguinetti.

worst enemy. She compromised herself from the service line with seven double faults and blasted a forehand wide of the sideline at set point. She had a lead. throughout the tiebreaker until Venus scooted in front, 5-4, thanks to a backhand hlunder from the youngest but burliest Williams.

Both sisters were more proficient with their returns than with their serves in the first set, when they shared eight service breaks in 12 games. But in the second set, Serena was the sister who cracked first.

By the time Venus had sprinted ahead to a 3-0 lead, Serena had summoned a trainer to tape the sore right knee that hampered her campaign last week in Sydney, where she avoided a potential final-round clash with her sibling by bowing to the eventual champion, Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, in the semi-

"Serena is a great player, and even though she hasn't played that much, she's been taking people out left and right," Venus said.
"Seeing her across the net was a little

hit odd, but it's to be expected, and in the future it'll be the same."

In other matches Wednesday, The Associated Press reported: Mirjana Lucic, who at 15 represents another in the wave of the future in

women's tennis, also failed to advance against a more experienced opponent-No. 04 seed Iva Majoh, the French Open champion.

In a slugfest with her Croatian compatriot, Lucic frequently overhit, losing by 7-5, 6-4. Ranked 47th, Lucic committed 49 unforced errors to Majoli's 29. She also failed to cash in on break points that could have kept her in contention— three in the first set's final game and two

in the last game of the match, Lucic, in her first Grand Slam, reached the third round of the U.S. Open No. 2 Lindsay Davenport came hack

from 3-5 in the third set, saved one match point with a good serve, and beat Slovak player Karina Habsudova, 2-6, 6-0, 9-7. In other women's matches, No. 8 Conchita Martinez won, 7-5, 6-2, over Dutch player Miriam Oremans; No. 9



Venus Williams hitting a backhand during her second-round victory.

3-5 in the third, overcame Japan's Nana Miyagi, 6-2, 3-6, 7-5, and No. 15 Ruxandra Dragomir beat Spain's Magui Serna, 7-6 (7-5), 2-6, 6-3.

In men's matches, Pete Sampras, the defending champion, needed just 70 minutes to advance to the third round with a 6-2, 6-1, 6-2 victory over Davide Sanguinetti, an Italian ranked 94th.
"For the first two matches, I feel like I'm playing well," he said.

Sampras's opponent in last year's fi-nals, Carlos Moya, went out, 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7-2), 6-4, to the Australian Richard Fromberg, who said, "It's the higgest win I've had in a Grand Slam tournament.

Last year, it was Moya's turn for hig

met Pete Sampras in the championship

But except for that tournament, Moya, who was seeded seventh this year, never has gone past the second round of a Grand Slam event. One of Australia's higger hopes for a good finish in its own Open, No. 15 Mark Philippoussis, fell. 1-6, 6-2, 4-6, 6-1, 9-7, to Morocco's Hicham Arazi, who saved one match point at 4-5 in the final set and topped the big server in aces, 21-19.

No. 4 Jonas Bjorkman had to come from two sets down to beat the South African Wayne Ferreira, 6-7 (3-7), 4-6, 6-4, 6-2, 6-3; No. 6 Petr Korda breezed to a 7-6 (7-3), 6-3, 6-3 victory over yet Sandrine Testud defeated Germany's victories. Emerging from anonymity, another Australian, Scott Draper, and the Spaniard upset Boris Becker in the Lisa Raymond, who also was down by first round and kept winning until he many's David Prinosil, 6-4, 6-3, 6-0.

Rangers Beat the Blues

Outshot, New York Makes Most of Its Chances

The Associated Press dazzled, a rejuvenated Brian Leetch scored and New York made the most of the power play as the Rangers defeated the St. Louis Bloes, 3-1, at

Madisoo Square Garden. The underachieving Rangers, now, 6-4 in their last 10 games, still looked shaky in the first two periods Tuesday

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night, giving up 2g shots to the Blues while getting only 17 themselves. But they made the most of the latter to score on all three of their power plays, while Richter, sharp in his first start since Jan. 3, took care of almost all of the former.

New York got three key players back from injuries — defensemen Jeff Beukeboom and Ulf Samuelsson, and center Brian Skrudland.

Penguine O, Senators O In Pittshurgh, Tom Barrasso stopped 35 shots, and Ottawa's Damien Rhodes made 23 saves as the Penguins and Senators played the NHL's fifth 0-0 tie this season.

Barrasso's sixth shutout of the seasoo tied the club record set by Les Binkley in 1967-68, the Penguins' first season.

Flyers 3, Sabres O In Philadelphia, Rod Brind 'Amour celebrated the birth of his first child with two goals, and Ron Hextall got his fourth shutout of the season as the Flyers beat Buffalo.

Brind'Amour, whose wife, Kelle, gave hirth to a daughter on Sunday, has six goals in his last six games. Hextall made 29 saves for the Flyers, who have lost only one of their last

Devils 3, Red Wings 1 Scott Nicdermayer set up late third-period goals by Jason Amott and Dave Andreychuk to lead New Jersey at home

Rookie defenseman Sheldon Souray also scored as New Jersey took advantage of seven power-play chances to outshoot the Red Wings 36-17 in a game that was scoreless until the third period.

The only reason the game was tied that long was the Detroit goaltender, Chris Osgood, who stopped 25 shots in the first two periods.

Blackhawks 5, Islanders 2 In Chicago, Steve Duhinsky scored a short-handed goal and set op one by Gary Suter as the Blackhawks defeated the mistake-prone New Yorkers.

Tooy Amonte, Eric Daze and Dmitri Nabokov added goals for the Blackhawks, who have won four of their last five games and are 9-3-3 since Dec. 17.

Kings 4, Flames 3 Vladimir Tsy-plakov scored the tying goal with 1:37 left in the third period, then got the game-winner with 16 seconds remaining for Los Angeles. It was the Kings' first victory in eight home

games against Calgary.
Luc Robitaille and Roh Blake scored 37 seconds apart to start the Kings' four-goal burst in the final period. Jozef Stumpel had three as-

sists for Los Angeles. Erik Anderssoo's first NHL goal pnt the Flames ahead 3-2 with 6:38 left in the third period. German Titov scored twice for Calgary.
Oilors 6, Coyotee 2 Defenseman

Boris Mirooov had a goal and three assists as Edmonton downed visiting Phoenix for its sixth straight victory. Ryan Smyth, the Oilers' second-leading scorer, had his left knee injured and will be out of action for six to eight weeks. He was hurt when hit in the first period by Rick Tocchet, who received a major penalty.



Darius Kasparaitis of the Penguins sailing past the puck as he fights to keep Ottawa's Shawn McEachern from getting it in front of the goal.

Forget Fate, Elway Says, Score Big

By Bill Pennington New York Times Service

Denver quarterback John Elway was simple but hardly innocent.
"Do you," the three-time Super Bowl loser was asked, "believe in

Elway, who is uncomfortable as the sentimental favorite in Super Bowl XXXII on Sunday, ocither pansed oor

"I believe," be answered, "in first downs and touchdowns. I believe in a 40-point halftime lead."

John Elway, 37 years old, graying at the temples, with a football player's limp and a torn hiceps tendon withering in his throwing shoulder, has not stopped dreaming big. This week, as he revisits the event that has defined and depreciated a .

sparkling career, he wonders - as does nearly everyone else—if this will be the year he will be liberated from a heartless fate of Super Bowl defeat after Super Bowl defeat after Super Bowl defeat. "The Super Bowl is the ultimate game," Elway said Tuesday, ''And it is the ultimate loss. As it must be the

ultimate victory. All you have to do is win one of them and it erases everything else you've done. You are a Super Bowl-winning quarterback. Everyooc else is in that other cluh."

Eleven years after his first Super Bowl appearance, Elway said he had

football player as his career neared its not one of them.

"Bot it's embarrassing, too." Elway is a 15-year veteran, an elder in a league in which the average career is slightly more than five seasons. He has developed a thoughtful, reflective perspective on the Super Bowl, and he talks about it almost as a historian would. "The Super Bowl is distinctive



hips," he said. "It is approximately three and one-half hours of play to settle a season. No other major sport does it with just a one-game final in the middle of a Sunday every winter. And if you lose, what happens is you go from feeling like you're the second-best team in the league to feeling like you're the worst team in the league."

Elway, of course, has suffered through this circumstance three times, losing to the New York Giants, 39-20, in 1987; to the Washington Redskins the following season, 42-10, and to the San Prancisco 49ers, 55-10, in 1990. Against the Giants and the Redskins, Elway's Broncos led at halftime.

'The one that hurt the most was the hoped to be considered many things as a Redskins," Elway said.

In the first half of that game, be threw eod, hnt to be a sympathetic figure was a touchdown pass oo Denver's first play from scrimmage. Elway then became the first quarterback in Super Bowl history to catch a pass, which led to a Broncos field goal and a 10-0 lead.

"We came out in the secood half and the roof caved in," he said summarizing a string of Denver turnovers and misplays. "By the 19th play of the second half, all of a sudden we had no chance to win.

"We had gooe from the highest of highs to the lowest of lows. That game

took the longest to get over."

In general, Elway said, he rarely, lingers over other recollections of his Soper Bowl experiences, "Time has healed the wounds," he said. "And now I'm proud of getting to three Soper Bowls. I don't consider those seasons follower."

failures. But wheo asked if he would trade his 50,000-plus passing yards, his 3,913 pass completions, his record 138 National Football League victories as a starting quarterback or all the other statistics of a Hall of Fame career for a Soper Bowl victory, Elway was un-equivocal. "In a heartbeat," he said.

His dazzling career postseason sta-tistics include 4,150 yards passing in 17 games. But his Super Bowl failures (6 interceptions, 12 sacks and a 46 percent completion rate in three games) present ample opportunity for stinging, de-meaning criticism. "You hear it all when you lose and you have to take it."

Gilbert Brown Weighs In for Green Bay:

By Dave Anderson New York Times Service

AN DIEGO — His size-24 neck is wider than his head. He wears a size-64 jacket. The 'Big Dog'' tattoo on his right hicep is almost as hig

as some dogs.

Gilbert Brown is listed at 345 pounds (155 kilograms) but whenever the Green Bay Packers' 6-foot-2-inch (1.88 meters) oose tackle was asked what he really weighed, he had the same answer with the same feigned smirk.

"Next question," he said. He reportedly weighed 351 early last week, hut some people think he might be 375. Tom Nalen, the Denver Broncos' center who is listed at 286, talked about giving away 100 pounds in trying to block him Sunday in Super Bowl

"You can't move the guy," Nalen said. "He's so low and so strong. There's no one quite like him."

Maybe no one in National Football League history. In this era of 300-pound linemen, both offensive and defensive, Nate Newton, Larry Allen and Erik Williams of the Cowboys are big, and Wil-liam (Refrigerator) Perry of the Bears was big a decade ago, but Gilbert Brown might be the biggest of the big. And nobody enjoys being hig more than he

Everybody in the classroom langhed at him that day. But nobody's laughing at him now. And when he was asked how much he had weighed in the second grade, he feigned that smirk.

"Next question," he said. During the season and the playoffs Brown didn't talk much to reporters, but at the Super Bowl he is required to accommodate the assembled notebooks, microphones and cameras. So he stood in a booth Tuesday wearing his green-and-gold uniform, a green-and-gold cap, a thin goatee and that feigned smirk at questions be didn't want to

answer. "It's a \$10,000 fine if I'm not here,"

he said. "I'm here." He knows about money. He spuried Jacksonville's three-year, \$9 million offer and re-signed with the reigning Su-per Bowl champions for \$8.1 million. Bot he insisted, "It wasn't a hard decision." He likes it in Green Bay, and

Green Bay likes him. "I'm fat and round," he said, "and a lot of people like soft; squishy things."

In the Burger King restaurant not far from Lambeau Field, and only there, they sell the Gilbert Burger. "Two pat-

"The only time I wished I was smal- lettuce, onions, mustard, ketchup, a ton ler was in the second grade," he said. "I of mayo — cut it in half and there you go," he said. "If you doo't cut it in half;

go," he said. If you arm." it'll be all down your arm." What will you do after football? "I'd like to be a cook. I'm good with pepper steak and fried chicken, but I'd be in the wrong profession because I'd eat all the

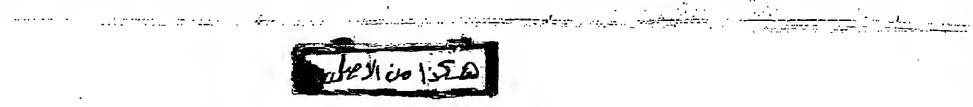
Have you ever been on a diet? "Next

To Brown, playing oose tackle, usu-ally against a double-team, involves "a lot of studying, a lot of time in the weight room, a lot of time in the cardio room." It pays off. His nickname is The Gravedigger. "Because I dig a lot of graves out there," he said.

Bot at Brown's weight, some people wonder if he is not digging an early grave for himself, his father died at age 48 in 1992, a year before the Vikings drafted Brown out of the University of: Kansas. When the Vikings cut him, the Packers claimed him, but Coach Mike! Holmgren worries about his nose

"He's never going to be a little guy; and he's never going to be able to lose a lot of weight," Holmgren said. "He gives you everything be can possibly give you on the football field. His teammates love him. He's a good football-player. He's very quick for a guy that ties, extra cheese, sliced tomato, a little size, but I worry about his career

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SPORTS

Nuggets Lose Again Denver Barrels Toward a New NBA Record The Associated Press 11th straight loss. Jasoo Kidd added points, 11 assists and nine rebour him just shy of his 18th ca

now are these: Will the Nuggets break the NBA record of 23 consecutive losses in one seasoo? Will they ever win

The Nuggets are almost at their midpoint of their season with a 2-36 record that is the most dreadful the league has seen in years. Their latest loss, 28-77 on

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Tuesday night in Vancouver, was most stunning because it was so decisive, despite coming against a Grizzlies team that entered the game oo a 13-game skid of its own.

The Nuggets are within two losses of tying Vancouver's single-season record of 23 consecutive defeats set two years ago. The Cleveland Cavaliers lost 24 straight at the end of the 1981-82 season and the start of 1982-83.

The Nuggets, starting three rookies, onraveled at the start of the third quarter on Tuesday night when they missed seven of their first eight shots and gave up a 16-5 run to fall behind 66-47. By the time the quarter was over, the Nog-gets trailed, 73-54. Denver pulled with-in seven in the final quarter but got no Closer.

Mavericks 107, SuperSonics 98 In Dallas, Erick Strickland had a careerhigh 30 points, and Michael Finley scored 29 as the Mavericks shocked

Seattle for the second time this season.

A 7-0 run made it 99-86 with 3:49 to play, but Seattle made a last push and cut the Dallas lead to 102-96 with 38 seconds left before Strickland converted a layup. and Khalid Reeves added a free throw with 18 seconds left for a 105-96 lead.

Trail Blazers 86, Cavaliers 84 Kenny Anderson hit a 20-foot jumper at the final horn to win the game for the visiting Blazers.

Suns 87, Warriors 69 Rex Chapman scored 22 points, and Danny Manning had 16, including 14 in the secood half, as Phoenix sent host Golden State to its triple-double.

Antonio McDyess added 12 points for the Suns, who have won their last six meetings against the Warriors.

Hawks 103, Bucks 83 In Atlanta, Mookie Blaylock had 15 points, eight assists and five steals in 44 minutes in his return from the injured list, and the Hawks came back from a 15-point, first-Atlanta had seven players in double

figures, led by reserve Alan Henderson with 18 points. Dikembe Mutombo scored 16, Christian Laetner 15, Chocky Brown 12 and Eldridge Re-casner and Steve Smith 11 each.

■ Webber Faces April Trial

Chris Wehber has been released from police custody oo his own recognizance and ordered to appear in a Maryland court oo April 2 for trial on assault charges.

After a rootine traffic stop for speed-

ing, the Washington Wizards forward was arrested Tuesday and charged with assault, resisting arrest, possession of marijuana, driving under the influence of marijuana and five other traffic-related violations.

All the charges are misdemeanors. The assault charge alone carries a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison and

"We look forward to having the matter tried," said Webber's lawyer, Bruce

Webber was driving a sport-otility vehicle wheo he was stopped at about 9:30 A.M. oo a four-lane highway ir Landover, Maryland, on the way to a 10 A.M. practice at the MCI Center in downtown Washington

The police report said Webber did not have a license or registration and offered his credit card as proof of identification. The report said Webber was "slow to answer" questions, and struck the hand of the policeman wheo the officer went to open the car door.



The Nuggets' Tony Battie dunking over the Grizzlies' Sam Mack.

him," a police spokesman said. "He resisted, an assault occurred," after which the officer gave Webber a dose of

pepper spray to expedite the arrest. Webber was handcuffed and taken to the police station. The car was impounded and searched, and officers found the

"The officer attempted to remove stub of a marijuana cigarette and ashes in the from center ash tray. They also found traces of marijuana leaves, ashes, stems and seeds on the rear of the floorboard on the driver's side.

A team spokesman said Webber would play in Wednesday night's home game against Portland.

A Team Old Ballplayers Can Turn To When in Need

By Ira Berkow New York Times Service

TEW YORK --- "Gentlemen," or "Dear Sir," the letters begin, and then the stories of needy people pour out: One must have a prostate operation but can't afford it, another has a wife who needs a double mastectomy and hip replacement, another is on the verge of suicide.

And there are phone calls: "Joe, this is embarrassing because I don't like to ask for help, but - " and then one after another tells the improbable stories, improbable because most of the callers were major league ballplayers, American heroes or icons, basking in glory for a game, for a season, for a decade.

Joe Garagiola, known widely as a funny man, and the author, in fact, of the long-ago book "Baseball Is a Fuooy Game," listens. "We'll do what we can," he says. "We'll try to help."

And he begins the process of coming to the rescue of these people, who have discovered that life may not be such a funny game. In an age of multimilliondollar contracts, it seems hard to imagine that stars of the past are reduced to this state. Bot some never made a great deal of money, or spent or lost what they had.

Garagiola, the onetime major league baseball player, sportscaster and star of the "Today" show, is the former president and still the guiding light of the Baseball Assistance Team, or BAT, an organization devoted to helping people once associated with professional baseball who are down on their luck.

The group held its seventh annual awards dinner Tuesday night, and, as usual, former hallplayers like Joe DiMaggio and Ted Williams and Bob Gibson and even the relatively reclusive Sandy Koufax attended. They were present because they believe in the cause - which has raised several million dollars over the last 11 years for the unfortunate former players and their families - and they were present because of the persuasion and urging of Garagiola. Baldish, garrulous, still a quipster ("1 went through life as the 'player to be named later' '') Garagiola unabashedly uses his celebrity, his wit, his compassion to do good. He is Sister Brown of the Salvation Army, with a baseball cap.

I remember one afternoon during spring training in Florida two years ago when Garagiola was accompanied by a man whose face was badly deformed on one side. He had gone through numerous operations for cancer. The man was Bill Tuttle, a standout center fielder for the Detroit Tigers to the 1950s, Tuttle had reluctantly come to BAT and Garagiola when the cost of the operations mounted, operations that were needed because of the cancer that had developed from his years of chewing tobacco.

The dangers of chewing, a longtime habit of ballplayers, were of grave importance to Garagiola, and he was going from camp to camp to speak with players as a group in each clubhouse, with Tuttle and Tuttle's wife relating their heart-breaking tale. 'Come on, you guys are invited, too,' he said to reporters. 'Everyone should know about this.'

There was no profit in this for Garagiola, other than for his heart and soul. Garagiola will not give the names of those who have sought help unless the player consents, as did Bernie Carbo, the onetime Red Sox outfielder who got

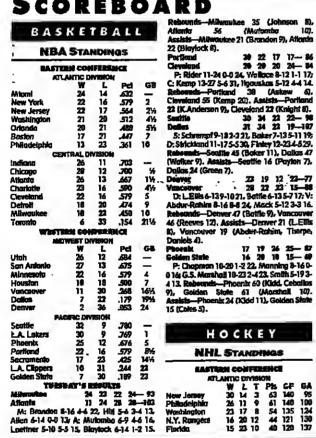
hooked on alcohol and drugs.
"I look back and I get chills," Carbo
once said. "I see a grave at the bottom of a hill with a skeleton in it reaching out and that skeleton is me saying, 'Come back, come back,' '' He said BAT saved him. Another thank-you letter arrived after

the organization had sent a check to cover expenses for the funeral of a man's wife. "He thought everybody had forgotten him," Garagiola said.

"My pride and self-confidence have completely disappeared," wrote a onetime catcher, whom BAT soon helped. "I stay in the house almost every day."

Another who needed help, Garagiola said, played in a 1970s World Series and finished his career in 1987. "Those who we help are not all old-timers," he said.
"They are getting younger."

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TRANSITIONS BASPBALL

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With an 1-year contract.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

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with RHP Russ Springer on 2-year contract.
CHICAGO—Agreed to terms with RHPS Kevin
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COLUBRADO—Announced Bob Gebhord, ex-ecutive vice president and general manager, has agreed to 1-year contract extension through year 2000.
HOUSTON—Agreed to terms with LHP Affice

Hampton on 1-year contract.

MONTREAL—Agreed to terms with 3B
Shane Andrews, INF Trace Coquilete and

OF Darond Stovall to 1-year contracts.

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BALTIMORE— Agreed to terms with INF
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Armondo Benitez, C Charlie Greene, OF Eugene Kingsale, RHP Steve Mordgomery,
RHP Billy Percibal and RHP Sietney Ponson
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commer.
INDIANAPOLIS—Named Tom Moore offen-sive coordinator, Rusty Tillman defensive co-ordinator, Bruce Arions quarterbacks coach. on 1-year contracts.

CLEVELAND-Named Erik Pence minororalinator, Britos Anons guareradox coacin.
Tony Marciano light ends coach, Howard
Mu66 offensive line coach, Mike Murphy
linebockers coach and John Pogono defensive assistant, Announced Greg Blache, defensive line coach, and Gene Huey, running
bocks coach, will refurn. KANSAS CITY—Agreed to terms with RHP Lee Smith and INF Terry Pendleton on minor-Lee Smith and IMF Terry Pendleton on minor-league controls.

W.Y.TAMKEES—Claimed RHP Nector
Raminez off wolvers from Baltimore and des-ignated him for assignment.

TREASTO—Agreed to terms with 1B Carlos
Delgada on 1-year controls and OF Phil
Plamiter on minor-league controls.

TEVES—Agreed to terms with PLID Babba.

PHOENIX—Re-signed G Brooks Thomp

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Georges Lanque to Harnilton, AHL. Recalled O Terron Sondwith from Hamilton.

FLORIDA—Recalied G Kevin Weekes from
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N.Y. ISLANDERS—Recalled D Jason Structurick from Kentucky, A-ML, and RW Dane Jackson from Rochester, A-HL, M.Y. RAMGERS—Receifed LW P.J. Stock from Hartford, A-HL.

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PHOENIX—Recaffed G Scott Langkow from
Springfield, AHL.
TAMPA RAY—Recaffed O Mike McBain
from Adfrondock, AHL. Assigned O David
Shaw to Los Veges. IHL. Assigned RW Ryon
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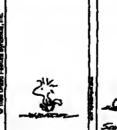


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DOONESBURY







By William Grimes New York Times Service

world was preoccupied being consumed.

with Dolly the sheep, a team of scientists quietly introtier, that twibble tone where duced hanana flavor into raspberry and black current vodka. And it poses the same intermingle, where vanilla moral question as human vodka forges an unboly alcloning: Just because scien- liance with creme de cacao, tists can do it, must they?

Lemon and pepper, flashy like planets from a swiring, newcomers in the late 1980s, gaseous cloud. Behold them. paved the way for black currant, cranberry and orange. rant, cranberry and orange, wich Village, the Billie Hol-Recently, their ranks were iday combines Stoli Ohranj joined by pineapple, melon and blue curacao with cran-

Stolichnaya, in an all-out to make an indigo statement. effort, introduced six vodkas It's attractively tart and, aplaced with raspberry, straw-berry, peach, vanilla, cinna-ous. Where does the cranberry mon and coffee. Zone, an leave off and the pineapple Italian company, added ba-nana and other fruits. A Russian rival, Kremlyovskaya, is pleased to offer, for your de- Grand Hotel serves a ehecky, lectation, a chocolate vodka.

the worst thing since Pagan
Pink Ripple. Hip experimentalists say they are thrilled. In the
For those who want dessert

Most agree, however, that of the Twinkie defense. Equal a successful flavor seeps into parts Absolut Kurant and Gothe vodka, dying its colorless diva Black Chocolate liqueur, fabric and creating a unified it's pure sugar rush. taste experience. It should not sit on top of the vodka like a live? Andrea Immer, the

vodka being poured, as bartenders brighten up the vodka. lime-juice and cranberry recipe by introducing lemon. orange, black current or other vors right," she said. "Beflavored vodkas, which have sides, how many people want

vodka martini. Shooters, or chilled shots of straight spirit, NEW YORK — While the world world was also account for a large percentage of the flavored vodka

new cocktails are emerging

At the Time Café in Greenberry, pineapple and lime juice begin? Hard to say, fun to figure out. This one's a winner.

The Grand Bar at the Soho eherry-red spinoff of the mar-tini, the Tartini. A blend of Stoli Razberi, Chambord The new flavors have di-raspberry liqueur and cran-vided bartenders more than any herry juice, it uncannily repdrink trend in recent memory. licates the flavor of a melted Traditionalists regard them as Luden's cough drop and

confused middle are battenders in a glass, the Mon Cheri marwho love some flavors and hate tini at Osteria del Circo in others - although not the same midtown may one day provide the alcoholic equivalent

Do these drinks deserve to bad toupee.

Cosmopolitan cocktails dows on the World and the soak up most of the flavored Rainbow Room, says no.

"Vodka is a good neutral vehicle for flavors, but very few companies have the chemists' talent to get the flaalso transformed the basic to he drinking cinnamon?"

Mal Waldron: Looking for Musical Surprises

By Mike Zwerin tional Herald Tribane

PARIS — In the upscale Brus-sels neighborhood of Uccle, the neighbors know Mal Waldron as the elderly, distinguished gentle-man who walks his young twins to school, looking like some august African ambassador.

The liner notes on his new album "Soul Eyes" (BMG) describe him: "He takes the tram. He talks, nods and waves to neighbors and shopkeepers. He laughs a lot and likes to tell jokes. Few people here know that tomorrow Monsieur Waldron will fly out to Japan to play the

One thing, he sure knows how to juggle existential metaphors. He moved to Brussels after more than years in Munich because "nobody stands oo the corner waiting for the lights to change. In Germany they watch the lights instead of the cars. The lights never killed anybody.'

He likes living in Brussels be-cause "they don't care what lan-guage yon speak" (he speaks Eng-lish, German, Japanese and French). And he does not plan to move back to the United States because "they won't let me smoke over there."

He and his Japanese wife rent the eight apartments they own to Japanese businessmen. They rent a large apartment for themselves and their five children.

As a child in the borough of Queens in New York, Waldron's classical piano teacher would shout "stop it!" as though in pain when he made up his own variations to sonatas: "It's not legal," the teacher said. "You're breaking the rules." When he grew older, Wald-ron understood that in jazz, on the contrary, playing something the same way twice was "illegal," and well, if you have the name you he thought, "This is more like

Waldroo accompanied Billie

Coltrane. Ask him about Holiday and he mimes a microphone being shoved down his throat and says he's sorry: "But I've been asked that too many times. I've stopped answering it. That was so long ago. I don't want to he in the past. I look forward, I don't look back. If you look back while you're moving forward you'll trip." A body-shaking laugh brings tears to his

These days Waldron prefers to play songs he doesn't know with people he has never played with so that the music will be full of surprises. He looks for that sudden change when you think you're on familiar ground and then you find yourself in an unfamiliar place.

Surprises "keep you young. Peace and quiet," he adds, "means you're dead."

He is convinced that had Holiday stayed in Europe instead of going back to New York after their last tour together in 1958 she would not have died so soon. When he returned to live in Munich shortly thereafter, it had less to do with racism or artistic respect than just plain survival. Most of the musicians he knew

in New York had been suffering from alienation-induced, drug-oriented disintegration. Shooting heroin had become a career necessity, not too different from busi-nessmen playing golf. It was how you met the important people in your business. If you didn't shoot up in the afternoon, you would probably not play on the record date that night:

"The whole set-up in America

was very, very, very bad. The po-lice would stop the musicians and might as well have the game. Eventually, I overdosed. I couldn't remember my own name. Holiday for the last few years of My hands were trembling, I her life, and he has also played couldn't play the piano. I needed his mind (or, from the looks of it, telephone oumbers: "I don't write



The chess fan: "I try to keep the computer from laughing at me."

of there. I left in . . .

exact year. . . nineteen-sixty- heimer.' something. Waldron, who will be Work with Charles Mingus and John shock treatments and a spinal tap his body); but, still, at that age the any numbers down. None. It's an was an "affirmation of life.

to bring me back. So I just got out possibility will at least cross your mind now and then. So he smiles He finds that he cannot recall the and recites: "Alzheimer schmaltz-

Working to ward it off, he cal-73 this year, would seem to have no culates numbers without the help reason to worry about the aging of of a calculator. And he memorizes

exercise to keep the muscle working. It's really just a muscle and it will atrophy if you don't ex-

ercise it. His 7-year-old twins keep him iterally on his toes with piggy, back rides and bouncing on his lan Playing new music with new ma. sicians helps. And he often com-petes against the computer that runs the portable chessboard be carries with him on the road: "I by to keep the computer from laugh.

People who live in the United States are often interested in col. lecting money and expensive toys rather than investing in risky ex. periences. Waldron, on the other hand, is the type who emigrated in live and work in Europe for the quality of life without a steady job already lined up.

It is clearly unusual for an Amer. ican working man without a stock portfolio even to consider, let alone pull off, anything like this paricular caper. To celebrate his 70th birthday, Waldron took bis entire family - two families actually with him on a three-week tour of Japan. All told, two wives, seven children and two grandchildren. He has two daughters, now 37 and 39, with his first wife. He borrowed the plane fare from the bank, the Jananese gigs paid it back.

The two wives had never met. He could not, however, afford to be too nervous about everybody act. ting along because he had to be m shape to play the gigs to pay back the bank. He performed "White-Road, Black Rain" — his piece for voice, flute and piano, a protest against the atom bomh — in Hiroshima. The 50th anniversary of the Hiroshima bomb was 10 days away from his 70th birthday.

Sometimes during all the moving around there would be a taste of panic. Rushing to get to airports on time. Not enough hotel rooms booked. Or somebody might shour Where are the twins? Has anyone seen the twins?"

But all and all, he says, the trip

The Architectural Fantasies of Achilles Rizzoli

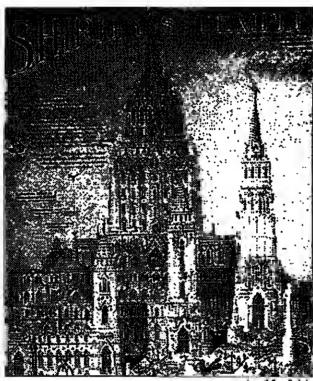
By Tessa DeCarlo

NEW YORK — When the art dealer Bon-nie Grossman first discovered the fantastic architectural drawings of Achilles G. Rizzoli seven years ago, she was struck hy their formal beauty and meticulous draftsmanship. Her attention was also riveted by qualities that might make a more conventional connoisseur shudder — the compulsive elaboration, religious mania, creepy sexual overtones and frequently incomprehensible wordplay that indicated that Rizzoli's mental state had veered considerably wide of normal.

Bot if Rizzoli was no neither is Grossman your standard dealer. Her gallery in Berkeley, California, specializes in outsider art," the work of the socially mar-

ginal and mentally eccentric. A show of 85 of Rizzoli's hallucinatory drawings opened Saturday at the Museum of American Folk Art. When "A.G. Rizzoli: Architect of Magnificent Visions" ends here Mareb 8, it will move to the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art.

Born in 1896, Rizzoli worked as a draftsman in a series of small architectural offices in San Francisco and lived with his mother in a fourroom cottage. He never married and slept on a cot at the foot of his mother's bed, even after



ber death in 1937. Rizzoli suffered a severe Detail of Achilles Rizzoli's "Shirley's Temple."

stroke in 1977 and died four years later. Although Rizzoli lived and died in shabbygenteel obscurity, he longed for fame and dreamed of glory. In 1935 he began designing an ideal city that was a combination World's Fair and blueprint for heaven. He called this spiritual monument the YTTE, for "yield to total elation," one of the scores of acronyms and mottoes with which he studded the floridly detailed designs for this "Expean of Magnitude, Mag-nificence and Manifestation," for which Rizzoli

architectural assistant and transcriber." Some of the most striking pictures oo view dental," Jackson testified. at the Museum of Folk Art are YTTE "sym- Bano was ordered by the lizations." large, elaborate drawings of towers and temples intended to embody expenses, people Rizzoli knew and also, perhaps, to

served as no less than God's own "earthly

house them in the hereafter. mothers. A neighborhood girl, Shirley Jean
Bersie, inspired a clintch of gigantic towers in
a riotous mix of styles, named "Shirley's
Temple." A co-worker was immortalized as a marhle palace bedecked with the words "a scholar and a gentleman."

Tessa DeCarlo, who is writing a book on

PEOPLE

THE Italian singer Al Bano has lost a copyright-infringement soit that claimed Michael Jackson's hit "Will You Be There" was stolen. Jackson had told a Rome court that he did not plagiarize the song "I Cigni di Balaka" (The Swans of Balaka) by Bano when he composed "Will You Be There?." which was on his 1991 "Dangerous" album. There is some similarity, but it's completely coincicourt to pay Jackson's legal

The "Dallas" actress ART AND INDEPENDENCE - Sri Lankan artist He repeatedly transformed his mother into

The "Dallas" actress ART AND INDEPENDENCE — Sri Lankan artist a oeo-Gothie cathedral bristling with statues of spear-toting oymphs and baby-toting a UN goodwill ambassador to to be used in Colombo's independence celebrations.

Gabriel Garcia Marquez maintains that he is not in Cuba to report on the visit of Pope outsider art, wrote this for The New York John Paul II, saying he is there simply out of "curiosity" about the event. El Tiempo in Bogota and the magazine Bogota Cambio 16 had stated that the Colombian Nobelist would be writing a long report on the visit of the pontiff, hut Garcia Marquez, on his arrival in Havana, was quoted by the news agency Prensa Latina as saying, "I am not here as a

> The actor who played Tom Hanks's friend Bubba in 'Forrest Gump' has pleaded not guilty to charges that he stabbed his former wife's boyfriend. Mykelti Williamson was charged with one count each of attempted murder and assault with a deadly weapon and was freed on \$180,000 bail pending a preliminary hearing on Jan. 30.

The Playboy empire founder Hugh Hefner and his wife. Kimberly, a former Playboy playmate, plan to separate. The couple said in a brief statement that they had "differing interests" hut expressed hope for "a possible reconciliation." Kimberly Hefner, 34, will live on the property the couple hought a year ago adjoining the Playboy mansion in the Beverly Hills area. Hefner, 71, married the former playmate in 1989. They have two children, Marston, 7, and Cooper, 6.

The British filmmaker Nick Broomfield has shown a selected audience his documen- ator John Glenn would blast off in the space

the screening, citing "unre-solved legal issues," includ-ing music rights. "Kurt and Courtney," which chronicles the life and shooting death in 1994 of the lead singer and songwriter of the rock group Nirvana, had not been entered in compenition but was to have been shown in the "world cinema" exhibition category. Broomfield's screening was attended by a host of film-indostry stars and

film "Outside Providence." Alec Baldwin and George Wendt will star. The director, Michael Corrente, wanted Joel to take a rok in the movie, but the singer had other com-

Madoona plans to give her first live British television performance in 15 years new mooth on a show wrapped around a lotery drawing. She is to perform her latest singk. "Frozen," at the Feh. 21 drawing, for which she is reported to have waived her appearance fee. The show takes place in conjunction with twice-weekly drawings in Britain, which have an average aodience of about 10 million Singers who have appeared on the show have all had their records rise on the pop charts.

Ivana Trump is to become a major share-holder of the Croatian daily Slobodna Dalmacija and has said she will he writing a weekly column. The ex-wife of the American tycoon Donald Trump signed a precontact

agreement in Split. "I have written books and have always been interested in publishing." she said at a news conference. fulfill my wishes hy having a daily news-A man accused of stalking Steven Spick berg has been ordered to stand trial io Sama Monica, California, oo Feb. 17. A prerial

hearing was set for Feb. 11 for Jonathan Norman, who is charged with a single comof stalking. Spielberg is expected to testify

After NASA announced last week that Sentary on the life and death of the Seattle grange rocker Kurt Cobain, despite its withdrawal from the Sundance film festival last week.

Organizers of the festival decided to cancel

The sundance of the festival decided to cancel gratulations. Can I go too?"

Rematch for Novel Contenders

NEW YORK — Will Don DeLillo have bener luck the second time around? DeLillo, author of the epic. length oovel "Underworld," was widely expected to capture the National Book Award last November, only to lose to first-time writer Charles Frazier.

Now the two will compete again, this time for the National Book Critics Circle Award. Organizers at nounced that the finalists for the fiction prize also include two-time NBCC winner Philip Roth and two writers. Andrei Makine and Penelope Fitzgerald, whose number inations were made possible by the critics circle's decision to make non-U.S. citizens cligible.

Frazier is the author of "Cold Mountain," a Civil Warnovel that first became a surprise best-seller. The awards will be announced March 24.

PARIS FASHION

Saint Laurent Celebrates 40 Years in a Minor Key

By Suzy Menkes
Interdational Herald Tribune

Saint Laurent's 40-year celehrations — which will elimax with a red to go with the coolie hats. show at the World Cup soccer final io July — was the couture collection that the designer presented Wednesday. The show ended on a high note with

a pert hride, in a shapely white guipure lace gown and a Carmen Miranda headdress of roses, walking out to the strains of "I Feel Pretty." It started with the impeccable tailoring

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for which Saint Laurent is known, but embroidered chinoiserie, he surfaced in a subdued mood, so that the usual in summer 1998. vibrant and artistic palette was a wa-DARIS — The kick-off to Yves tercolor wash of pale hine and shell pink, with just an occasional lacquer

The Chinese theme was one of several reprises that Saint Laurent moved striped pants, worn with flat Oriental from major to minor key: chinoiserie slippers. The crinoline was reduced to reduced to just a wide, side-split tunic lighted with Oriental jewelry, and all the Moroccan references to one sand-brown, draped-chiffon dress.

The result was garden-fresh in its

Flashes of Saint Laurent's spirit came in retreat, as a sequined black dress showed swinging pompoms down its spine, or a plain and perfect white crepe dress revealed broad trile spangled with myriad embroidcross-straps at the back.

But the seductive silhouettes were from corsage to chignon. all softened at the front, offering drapes of liquid satin, wraps of raffled chiffon and a plain A-line lace dress for women who have lost their waists but not their appetite for couture.

Sure Saint Laurent still shows magically cut slithers of satin and pure and precise pantsuits. And perhaps the audience, primed for the self-celmuch. But even absinthe-green eye shadow and the dramatic arch of scarlet amaryllis blooms could not hide zartean era? the fact that it was a low-key coloctogenarian designer to Queen Elizabeth, said: "It's for ladies."

Asked about the anniversary, Saint Laurent said shyly:

eould have lasted so long in fashion
— and that people still love me." In a pretty, witty collection — the backdrop, tulle-veiled chandeliers best he has yet produced for Pierre overhead and a bewigged flunky Balmain — Oscar de la Renta pulled serving mint tea, Gaultier conjured up off a neat trick. He dived into 18th- a surreal scenario for his moderncentury archives, but instead of drowning in swooshes of floral faille and Confirming the

The secret was a modern mix of masculine and feminine, that brought those Chinese embroideries on jackets as sparrow-small as Rococo vests, or on frock coats over Regency-

summery colors like peony pink and a pale spring green against neutral ivory and cream. When night fell, midnight blue became the new hlack, maybe as eries or with real diamonds glinting

The new, if confusing, presentation, with the models walking the rows of upscale clients as if strolling a formal garden, showed off the delicate couture workmanship like openwork embroidery, and the intriguing fabric textures, which included grainy silks and artisanal tweed.

De la Renta's jaunty confidence ebratory event that less sensitive de- brought a French beret above a navysigners can eburn out, expected too and-white striped suit — the lines picked out with beads. Why did he look back to the Mo-

"I love those fabrics so much lection. Or, as Sir Hardy Amies, the but I was trying to do 18th century and octogenarian designer to Queen modern." de la Renta said backstage. He succeeded admirably.

In one of those serendipitous fashion conjunctions, Jean Paul Gaultier was on the same track - but seeing "I do feel very emotional — I am was on the same track — but seeing amazed, even quite astounded, that I the 18th century his way, through the persona of a French marquise among the Tauregs. With a nomad tent as a

Confirming the current Paris pas-

Saint Laurent's wedding gown. sion for talle, he opened the show with meringue-light layers of white shirt over Louis XV breeches, and used the

fabrie for swathed long dresses or the panniers that wrapped around sleek

jumpsuits in jersey or leather. Couture workmanship and Gault-ier's imagination chimed in a sheath dress embroidered like toile de Jouy. The show could have used more of the designer's scalpted tailoring, but his subtle hlend of Taureg ethnic with French historical confirms his place in high fashion and a rite of passage from enfant terrible to grown-up.

Billy Joel, who has said he is giving up pop songs for elassical music, has agreed to write the musical score for the

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